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Dear Warren and fellow members of the Chilmark Board of Selectmen,

An August 14<sup>th</sup> MV Times on-line article carries the caption, "*One sailboat was saved, one was lost despite a rescue effort that the Chilmark harbormaster described as ill advised.*"

The article quotes Chilmark Harbormaster Dennis Jason as saying, "...it was a poor decision to pull the vessel, which has a hole in the hull, off the jetty." And when the Aquinnah Harbormaster and Tribal personnel handed the boat off to the Coast Guard he is quoted as saying, "The Coast Guard got roped into it. They ended up with a hot potato in their hands."

The Aquinnah Board of Selectmen would like to know if your Board is in agreement with the statements made by your appointed department head, given the fact he was never involved in the incident until after the boat had sank.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Julianne Vanderhoop  
Chairman,  
Aquinnah Board of Selectmen

Jim Newman, Vice Chairman

Gary Haley, Member

