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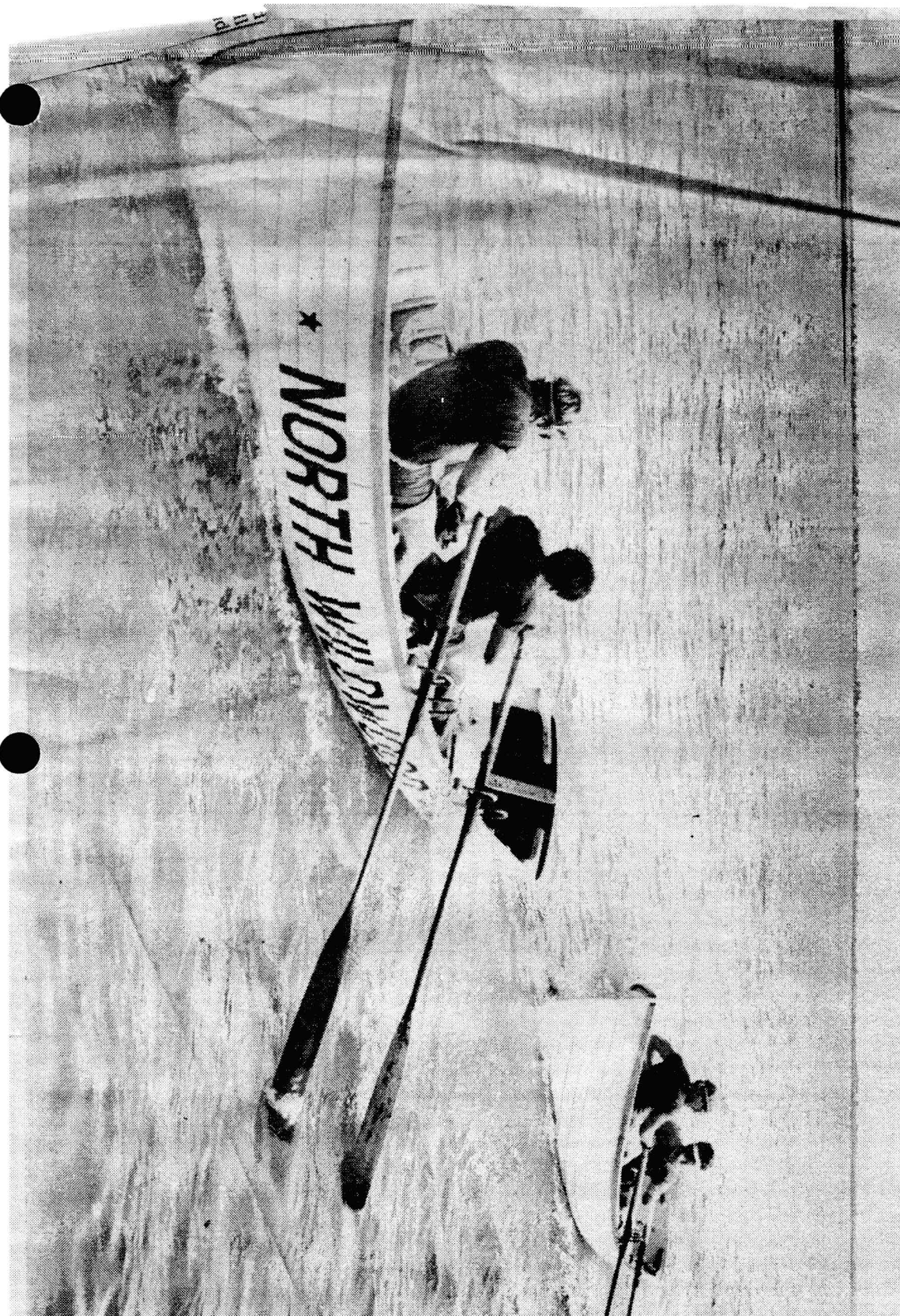
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A hot and hand blistering row, the race began at 15 St., went north through Hereford Inlet, around the back bays and Cold Springs Inlet, and finished along the beaches, Tony Cavalier, captain of

the beach patrol here, said close to a dozen guards from the 10 boats that started, had to be physically carried from their vessels after the race, with one man taken to the hospital to have his blisters cut.

"I felt great," said Zander, who along with his rowing partner, Troy, "haven't rowed any more than five miles before this race."

Zander said they weren't sure they were going to enter the race, and only had about a week to practice for the physically taxing row. Once they got in the race though, "We thought we had it all the way."

The race ended almost the same as it began, with the North Wildwood boat being closely pursued by the two Wildwood Crest crews through the entire race. Times for the three boats were: North Wildwood, 3:04; Wildwood Crest, 3:06; and Wildwood Crest, 3:10.

Finishing fourth, from North Wildwood, were Mike Regan and John Livingstone; fifth, from

Cape May were, Buzz Mogck and Ralph Atwell; sixth, from Wildwood, were Eugene Reedy and Rick Greco; seventh, from North Wildwood, were Al Smith and Ed Pomponio; eighth, from Wildwood, were Bill Fox and Dale Hummel; ninth, from Wildwood, were Jim O'Kane and Jim McManus; and finishing tenth, from Wildwood Crest, Steve Maiocco and John Freeman.

The strategy in the race is to catch the tides just as they are changing at the George Redding Bridge, and row with the receding current. Zander said this year's race was much harder than the last because, "the tides were

against us."

This was a special race for Zander and Bilkins, of the first two crews, who used to row together when they were on the same beach patrol.

"We helped each other out," Zander said, through the entire race, making sure the boats didn't collide and telling each other if there was something in the way. "They were real gentlemen," he said.

After the race was over, Cavalier said, the guards from all the beach patrols had a small party at the 15 St. Firehouse here, where everyone "had a real good time." Zander and Troy both

received \$100 for the first place spot, while Bilkins at Greenwood got \$50 each for second, and Freeman at Max winning \$25 each for third.

But the reward was not monetary one. The reward was the satisfaction of completing the grueling row and walking away from it. According to Zander, on row passed out six times until his partner put him the stern seat and pleaded with him to row.

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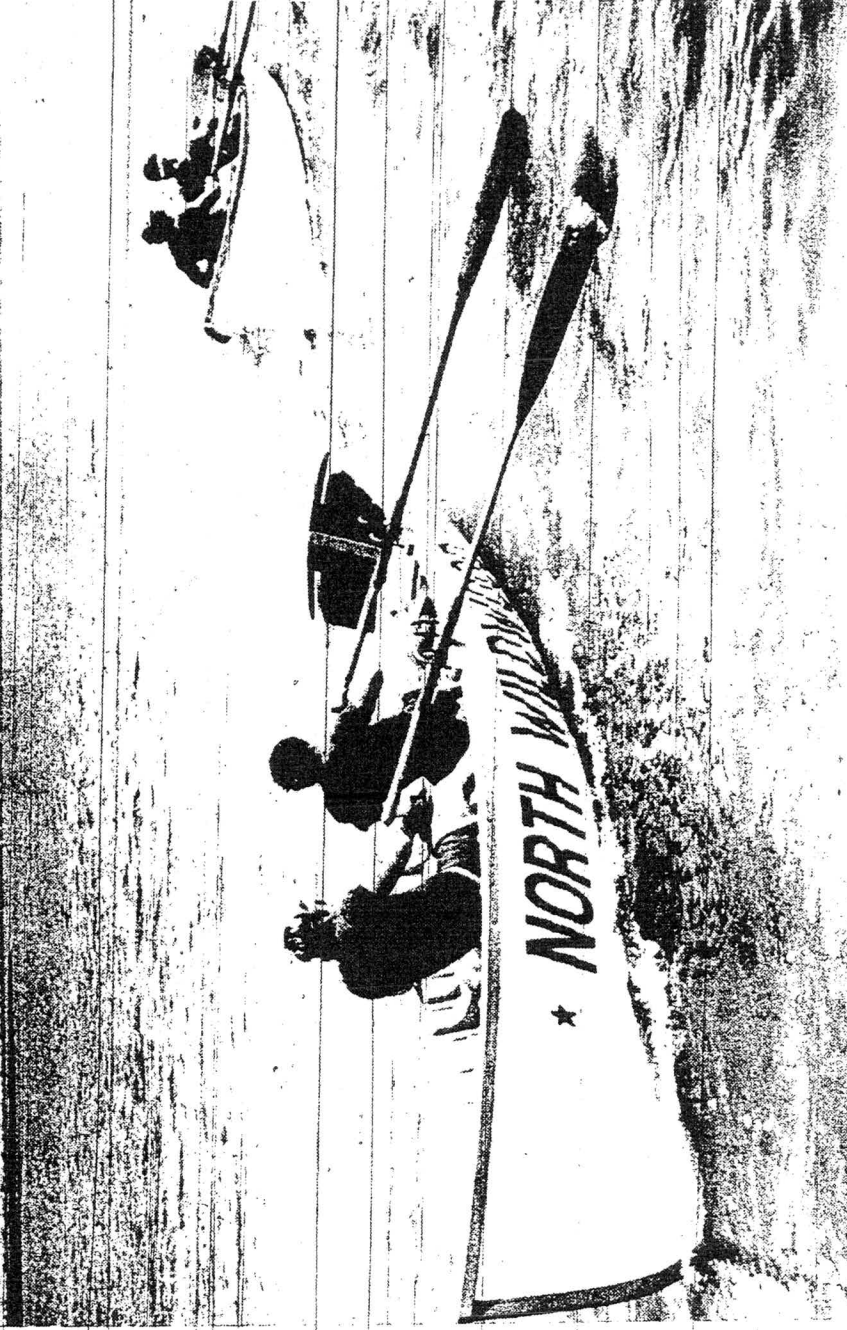
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