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Transcript of Salt Water in the Rig

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JOE HAY: Joe Hay.

WENDY HAY: Wendy Hay.

JOE: We run Haystack Fishing, it's a charter company we started in 1997.

WENDY: Backin' into the surf, you know, these rigs they can only take so much and everything so.

JOE: [Laughs, overlapping Wendy]

WENDY: I can remember, so many times, backing into the surf for him, and, um, then going to drive up and the car getting stuck in a crab hole.

JOE: So I had this—[Wendy sighs] we used to use Jeeps, and ah, I had this Wagoneer, and so we're backing in and Wendy's—and I bought this thing—

WENDY: [Overlapping] And the water's to here.

JOE: —for \$150, it had been in a wreck, so it was already munched up and rusted. I mean, I hated to take something pris—so pristine to the beach you know [Laughing] 'cause, I was worried it was gonna get messed up or

something. So we're—we back in and hit a crab hole, we're sitting in the car and water up to here.

WENDY: [Laughing] The customers were in the boat—

JOE: [Overlapping] I kid you not, you know, the customers are in the boat, so I gotta get—so the other dories are launchin', so somebody grabs my—you know I had to grab the boat so another guy hooked-towed—hooked onto the rig—

WENDY: [Laughing] It was a Laurel and Hardy at—

JOE: —so, so pulls it up, you know, out of the water. The water's [Laughing] pouring out the doors, and, turns the keys, starts right up, so I drive it up the beach. So I, come, come in on the beach, you know I'm done, so I turn on the ignition, all of a sudden the windshield wipers go—

WENDY: [Overlapping] For—

JOE: —then they stop, then the turn signal goes on.

WENDY: [Laughs]

JOE: So it's like this thing was Poltergeist, you know it was possessed after that, you know. Low voltage and, and electrical wiring, or, you know electrical wiring and salt water they work great together, you know. So every time I go down the road I didn't know if the lights were gonna come on, the windshield wipers, the turn signals, you know it was just like, what have I got today? You know, I know I'm gonna have some kind of treasure. So, long story short I had already had another backup rig and, so I put it in front of my house, you know, \$350 and this kid came by and I said, "It's

been a beach rig.” I said, “You know, it’s been in salt water.” He says, “No problem, man, I’m gonna have fun with it.”

WENDY: [Overlapping] I know.

JOE: He pays me \$350 and drives off. I was like, “Thank you, Jesus.”