

**DOUGHTY MAYOR
A LIFE SAVER**

**Dr. C. H. Lorence, of
Wenonah, Pulls Two
Boys From Water**

PLUNGED OVER TO LADS' AID

Cape May, N. J., Aug. 2.—His prowess as a swimmer, coupled with presence of mind, enabled Dr. C. H. Lorence, Mayor of Wenonah, to save from drowning two 12-year-old boys, whose boat capsized in the middle of Cape May harbor yesterday.

Mayor Lorence and a party of friends are staying for the season at the Star Villa here. Yesterday morning about 7 o'clock the party started on a fishing trip that had been planned for several days. When their yacht reached the centre of the bay, more than a mile from shore in either direction, some one noticed a tiny boat manned by two little fellows in short trousers scudding along before the rather brisk wind just ahead of them. The boat in which the two boys were seated was of the kind known as a "sneak-box." It was a small flat-bottomed affair, rigged out with a short mast and leg-o'-mutton sail.

"These youngsters don't realize the danger they are in out here, I'll bet," said Mayor Lorence to one of the women in the party. "If the weather should get a little squally I'm sure that they would never reach shore."

Hardly had the words left his lips when a puff of wind caught the sneak-box amidships, and it capsized.

Both boys were thrown into the water, which is more than forty feet deep at that point. Neither could swim, and the strong tide carried them, struggling, farther and farther away.

Mayor Lorence was on his feet in an instant. Kicking off his shoes and throwing aside his coat, he plunged overboard. He is a powerful swimmer and an all-round athlete. A few powerful strokes brought him within grasping distance of one of the boys, and holding the little fellow at arm's length, he swam for the second, who had already sunk twice. Seizing him, the Mayor turned over on his back, and a boy under each arm, swam to his yacht, where the three were taken aboard.

One of the boys gave his name as James Maguire, of Cape May City. The other little fellow, after considerable effort, was brought to consciousness. His first words on opening his eyes were: "Please don't tell mamma." No persuasion could induce him to tell his name.

Mayor Lorence saves two boys off Cape May.



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