

Lunenburg Mourns

Tuesday, August 10, 1926, a radiogram was sent from Sable Island about the total wreck of the fishing schooner *Sylvia Mosher* on the outer bar, northside, near Station Four, lying on its side with no sign of any crew.

Initially, the rain of the Saturday storm was celebrated in what was a dry summer, until the news of *Sylvia Mosher*. After two days of searching, all hope vanished. Before there was time to digest this tragedy word spread of a second Lunenburg vessel feared to be lost, *Sadie A. Knickle*.

Little did anyone know that this storm would be the beginning of the two most disastrous fishing seasons for Lunenburg County. Two fishing seasons that claimed the lives of 138 men, 6 fishing schooners, and leaving a community with trauma that would last generations. The August Gales of 1926 and 1927, forever etched into the community's soul.



"But until an earthquake sinks Sable Island a thousand fathoms deep, the price of Atlantic fish will be the lives of men."

C.H. J. Snider, Canadian Magazine (1928)