

An empty tanker leaving the Patchogue River. In the background the Rite Fuel Oil terminal.



A tanker on the Patchogue River, delivering fuel. The largest ship believed to ever have entered the Patchogue Harbor was the 615ton, M.J. Derby II, a 185 toot tanker, in March 1951. Most of these ships could not deliver a full load because of insufficient depths of the channels and the Fire Island Inlet and shoaling in the river entrance.