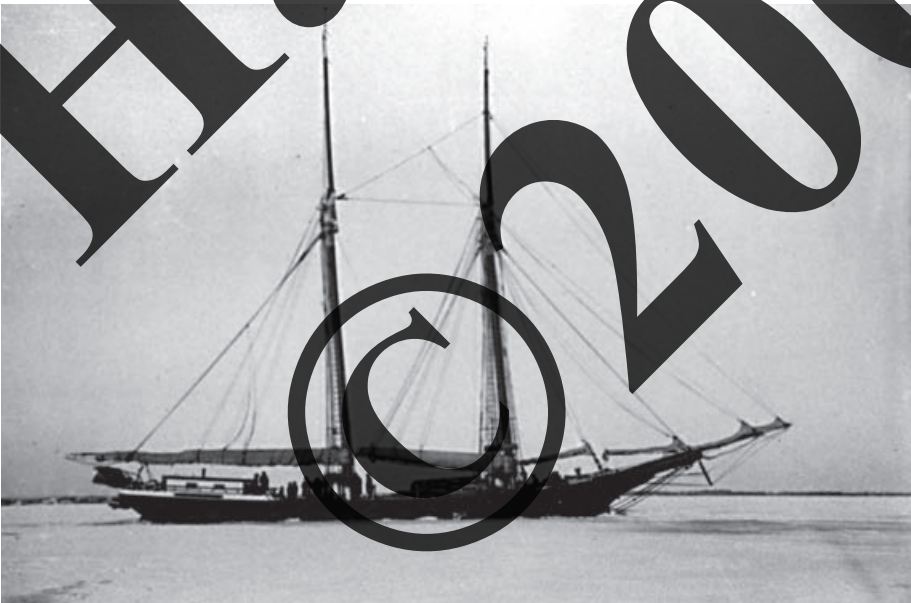


The Nassau Oyster Company, owned by Charles Mott, was based on this canal at the foot of Rider Avenue. In 1894, they operated this 60-foot oyster dredge, the Curiosity, on the bay. The 34 ton Curiosity was built in 1894 in Patchogue and was powered by a gasoline engine. This was the first power dredge on the bay, a fact that might have contributed to its name.



A boat under repair in the Patchogue Harbor.



Sometimes, during a cold winter, heavy laden vessels would get stuck in the ice on the bay. If that happened, teams of horse and wagon would go out on the ice and unload the cargo and bring it ashore.