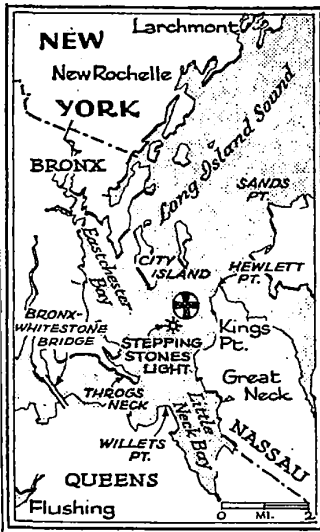


# MISSING TUGBOAT BELIEVED FOUND

But Diver Fails to Confirm  
Craft Discovered in L. I.  
Sound Is Jim Steers



The New York Times Feb. 28, 1953  
**DISCOVERY:** Where lost  
tug was believed found in  
Long Island Sound (cross).

The thirty-nine-day-old mystery of the missing tugboat in Long Island Sound appeared to have been solved yesterday. The police reported that the thirty-seven-foot, Diesel-powered boat Jim Steers had been found in seventy feet of water 500 feet northeast of Stepping Stone Light.

The \$58,000 craft, which was not insured, disappeared early Jan. 19 with its crew of three after delivering a loaded sand barge to Hunts Point in the Bronx. It was last seen in the choppy waters off Throgs Neck, in the Bronx, by a companion tug, the George Steers.

Both tugs are owned by the Steers Sand and Gravel Corporation, 17 Battery Place. They were returning to Northport, L. I. The Sound was being buffeted by winds of thirty-five miles an hour, with occasional gusts of forty miles.

The Jim Steers was manned by Capt. Albert Reichert, 42 years old, of Mastic, L. I., his son, Albert Jr., 22, of Moonachie, N. J., the deckhand, and Herbert Johnson, 54, of Northport, L. I., the engineer.

Coast Guard officials and a spokesman for the Steers concern indicated that they felt yesterday's police report was premature.

A boat believed to be the Jim Steers was discovered Wednesday afternoon by Anthony Opalka, a diver employed by the Steers company.

Frank Clancy, vice president of the company, said "it was too dark and the tide too strong for [the diver] to make positive identification." The diver was unable to board the submerged object because of snarled grappling lines.