

Rescue teams that recovered the bodies of drowning victims Sunday at Charlestown were from Charlestown (above) and North East fire companies (below). Above, left to right, are

Ronnie Daniels; Mike Doss and Jeff Fronheiser; below, Robert Conway Jr., Leonard Hamilton (standing) and George Hollenbaugh (hidden behind Hamilton). Photos by Dennison



Boat Swamped, Two Drown In Northeast River Mishap

Two men drowned and a Charlestown couple was rescued about noon Saturday when the 10-foot john boat in which they were riding was capsized by a wave from a passing boat in the Northeast River at Charlestown.

State Police at North East Barrack said the bodies of Barry Steven Brown, 20, North East, and Ronald Eugene Seal, 26, Aberdeen, were recovered within an hour by rescue teams from Charlestown and North East fire companies, assisted by Maryland Marine Police.

WESLEY JAMES METZ, 40, and his wife, Carol Lee Metz, 39,

and were rescued, police said.

Seal and Brown reportedly were swimmers and were attempting to reach shore on their own when they disappeared.

Police added that someone on another boat in the area saw what happened, but did not offer to

The boat blamed in the incident also did not stop.

BROWN WAS A life resident of Cecil County and had been employed by Elkton Sparkler near North East.

Funeral services were scheduled for today (Wednesday, June 24)

the Rev. James Seymour, pastor at North East Faith Tabernacle, officiating. Burial was to be in Calvert Baptist Church Cemetery, Rising Sun.

Mr. Brown is survived by his mother and father, Nellie Meadows and Everett Meadows of North East; his grandmother Evia Barringer of North East; his grandfather, A.L. Barringer of Alabama; a sister, Connie Brown of North East; three brothers. David Brown, Ronnie Brown and J.R. Meadows, all of North East; a step-brother, Buford Meadows of North East; and two step-