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'Monster' videotaped in Chesapeake Bay?

LOVE POINT, Md. (UPI) — A woman whose husband videotaped something resembling the Loch Ness monster swimming in Chesapeake Bay says the experience was like seeing a UFO: without the film, nobody would believe them.

Robert Frew, his wife, Karen, and some Memorial Day guests watched the creature swim by the Frews' home in Love Point on the bay's Eastern Shore. Frew first watched it through binoculars, then used his videotape camera to film it for three minutes.

"The first time we saw it it was about 7 feet long and had a round head about 10 inches in diameter," Mrs. Frew said Sunday. "It dived

down and when it came back up we saw it was about 20 feet long. We were staring at each other saying, 'What the hell is this?'

"It was like seeing a UFO. If there hadn't been a lot of people with us and we didn't have it on tape, we probably would have thought no one would believe we saw this thing," she said.

Mrs. Frew suspects the creature was Chessie, a seldom-seen fixture of Maryland legend that inhabits the Chesapeake.

"Chessie is part of the Maryland folklore," she said. "It probably was first sighted about 50 years ago.

"What we saw is not a run-of-the-mill animal. I'd

say it's similar to the Loch Ness Monster."

Researchers with the Enigma Project, a group of investigators who study natural phenomena, viewed Frew's film. They could not identify the creature, which they described as 30 feet long, black or dark brown in color and a good swimmer.

Enigma co-founders Mike Frizzell and Bob Lazara said other scientists were waiting to view the film.

"When we showed it in very slow motion, it wasn't just the appearance of the snake — I use that term because it seems to fit — it was the motion of it as it moved through the water," Lazara said.