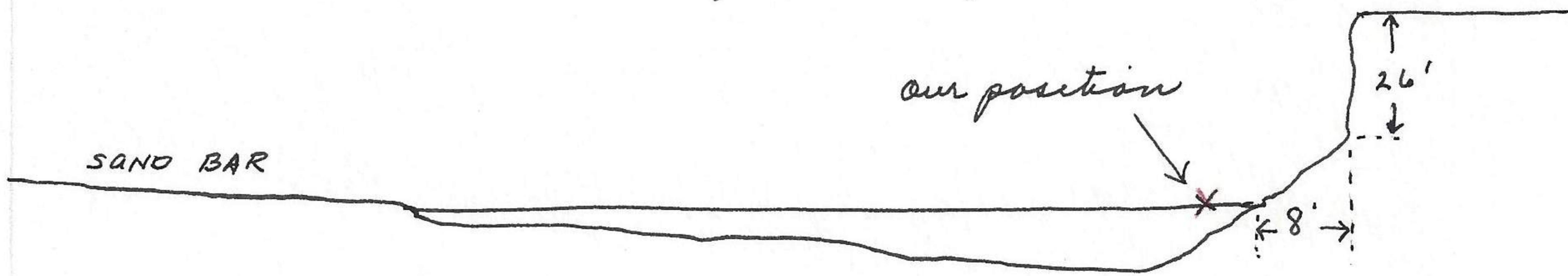
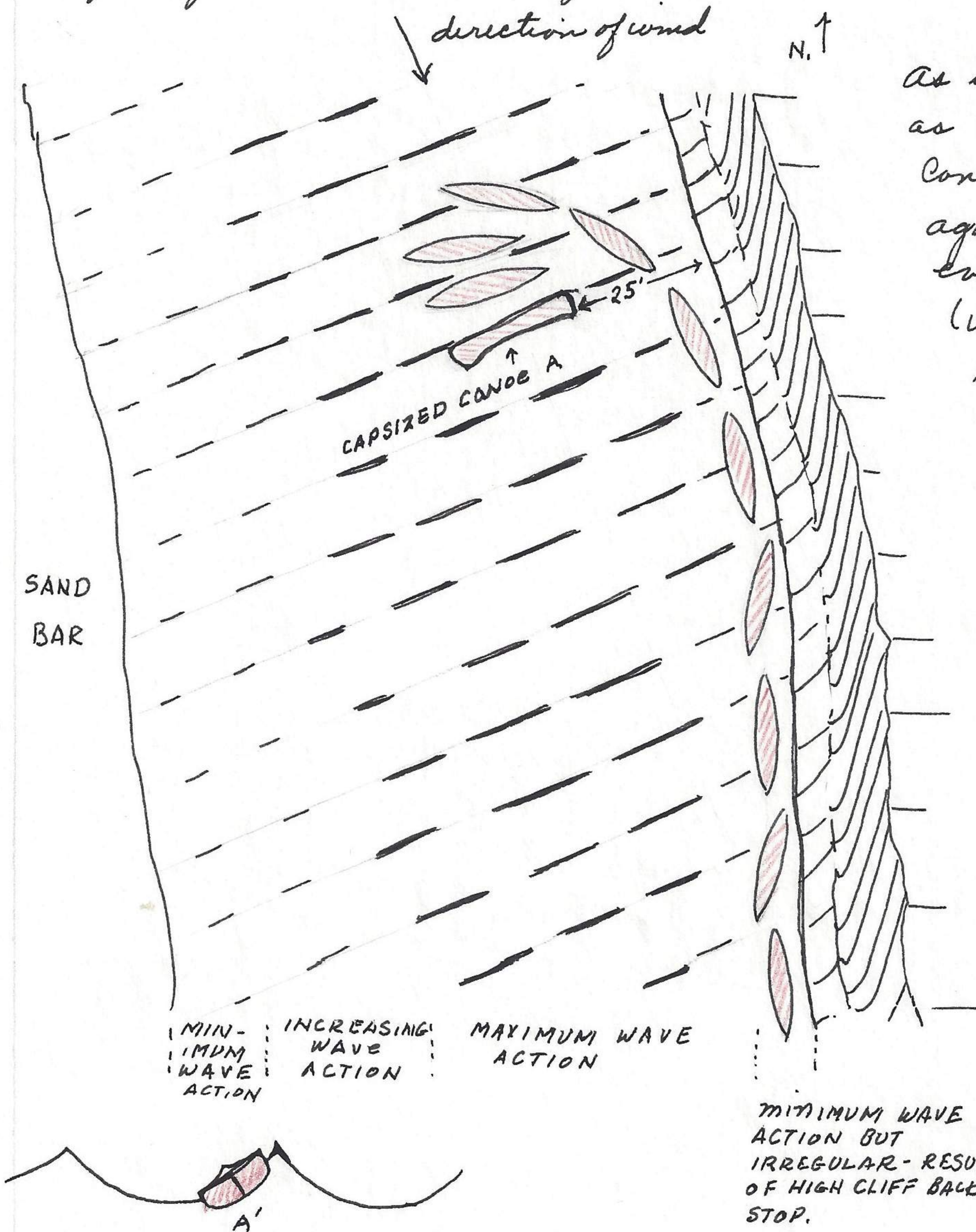


The opposite side of the river would have been the logical side to travel because the wave action was minimal there. The front end of our canoe continually was being forced against the bank.



Profile of river and bank from east to west showing point of capsizing



As wind increased and as the front end of the canoe was being forced against the bank, it was evident that Chris (who was in bottom of canoe behind front seat) would be required to paddle. As she took her position at the front there was a sudden increase in velocity of wind and within 2 minutes or less the waves had increased to about 3 feet high and swells to 5 feet in width. To get away from the bank we

both paddled on the right side and as we moved out into the large waves the wind pushed the the front end of the canoe and forced it parallel with the waves. At this moment Chris changed paddles from right to left just as we were floating to the crest of the oncoming wave. The tilt of the canoe, plus both of us paddling on the left side, tipped the canoe