

afloat, she was re-boarded and efforts were made to get her to port. A party of volunteers went into the shelter deck to build up bags of cargo in an attempt to make a temporary bulkhead. For ninety minutes they worked below with the water up to their knees, in circumstances of grave danger. Shortly afterwards, however, the bulkhead collapsed and the ship, which suddenly began to settle forward, sank within five minutes. Four of the crew were trapped below and lost their lives, but the remainder were picked up shortly afterwards.

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