

the ship which was then about 60 yards away. He had swallowed a lot of water and after a time realised that he could not get back. Shortly afterwards it was seen that he had lost consciousness.

Without hesitation, Sparehand King, who was wearing his full rig except for sea boots, tied a line round his waist, dived from the verandah rail and began swimming towards the Skipper. However, he was rapidly overcome by the cold and had to be hauled back practically unconscious.

Sparehand Clark, meanwhile, seeing that the unconscious Skipper was in immediate danger of drowning and that King could not reach

him, dived overboard without a line. He also was wearing his full rig except for sea boots. The distance was now about 15 yards. Clark reached the Skipper, whose face was submerged by this time, and raised his head clear of the water until a lifebuoy on a line was thrown close to him. He slipped the buoy over the Skipper's head and remained supporting him while they were both hauled alongside.

The ship was rolling heavily in the beam sea and Clark held the Skipper between his legs and fended off from the ship's side until the crew could reach down and haul both men on board. Artificial respiration was applied and the Skipper recovered.

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