The Perfect Storm

The Perfect Storm was the name of a movie made in 2000 starring George Clooney and Mark Walburgh. Here we are going to look at the real story behind the film.

The Andrea Gail was a fishing boat that was lost at sea during the Perfect storm of 1991. The vessel and her six-man crew had been fishing for swordfish the North Atlantic Ocean.

The ship had left from Gloucester, Massachusetts. Her last reported position was 180 miles (290 km) northeast of Sable Island on October 28, 1991.

The boat was a 72-foot commercial fishing vessel built in Florida in 1978, and owned by Robert Brown.

She sailed from Gloucester, where she would offload her catch and reload food, fuel, and stores for her next run. She was originally named Miss Penny.

The Andrea Gail began her final voyage from Gloucester Harbour, on September 20, 1991, bound for the waters off the coast of eastern Canada.

After poor fishing, Captain Frank W. "Billy" Tyne Jr. headed east to the Flemish Cap where he believed they would have better luck. Despite weather reports warning of dangerous conditions.

The captain set course for home on October 26, 1991. It is known that the ship's ice machine was not working well and was unable to keep the catch fresh for much longer. This was a key factor in the decision to head home on October 26.

The last reported radio message from Andrea Gail was at about 6:00 p.m. on October 28, 1991. Captain Tyne radioed Linda Greenlaw, Captain of Andrea Gail's sister ship Hannah Boden, and gave his position and said the weather was very bad.

Tyne's final recorded words were "She's comin' on, boys, and she's comin' on strong." No further messages were heard from the vessel and no other ships were able to reach her.

On October 30, 1991, the vessel was reported overdue. An extensive air and sea search was launched.

On November 6, 1991, Andrea Gail's emergency radio beacon was discovered washed up on the shore of Sable Island. The beacon was designed to send out a distress signal upon contact with sea water. The search was called off on the 9th of November. The ship and its crew were never found.

The crew were:

Frank W. "Billy" Tyne, Jr. (Captain), aged 34

Michael "Bugsy" Moran, aged 36

Dale R. "Murph" Murphy, aged 30

Alfred Pierre, aged 32

Robert F. "Bobby" Shatford, aged 30

David "Sully" Sullivan, aged 29

Questions

1. What year was the film made?

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1. What actors starred in the Film?

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1. What was the name of the boat? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. In what year did the tragedy take place \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Where did the boat leave from? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What date did it leave? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What were they fishing for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. What was the Captains name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. What machine was not working on the ship? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. What were the captains last words?

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2. Commercial

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1. Voyage

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1. Beacon

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