

capsized by blast. Decker jumped out of his boat into the sea and took charge of operations. By his efforts and under his direction, the boat was righted and all but one of the occupants rescued. The survivors were picked up the following day.

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