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# Until The Sea Shall Free Them

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## Synopsis

The men on the SS Marine Electric sailed into a storm in February 1983 not knowing that they would make history - at a great cost in lives. Just three men survived the wreck of the Marine Electric off the shores of Virginia and they found that their struggle had just begun once they got back to shore. Blamed for the wreck, they fought back and broke a code of silence that had covered up sloppy ship inspections for decades and revealed the flaws in old World War II rust buckets that were still at sea long past their functional lifetime. A story of adventure at sea and survival in the court systems, *Until the Sea Shall Free Them* takes on the issues *The Perfect Storm* presented.

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## Customer Reviews

I learned about the maritime trade, and the pitfalls of the economy that surrounded it. I learned about the back slapping way the agencies, companies, and the coast guard allowed so many things to be ignored. This book was well researched. The main rescue part of the story was small, there were a lot of rabbit trails so to speak and sometimes it was difficult to follow the timeline as the author expounded on a different point. It was interesting and worthwhile. However, it had FAR TOO MANY CURSE WORDS. I wish there was a way to block those out.

This book clearly shows how slow change happens when profit is at stake, even at the risk of human life. This book gives a face and heart to those who are at risk. The families cry out for a justice that often never comes. This was a most enlightening book about a subject of which I knew

almost nothing. So glad I read it!

I love it, as a Merchant Marine officer, as a reader of marine literature, for so many reasons, this book is great.

A read this book as an active Ships Captain at the time. It is a must read for any person who goes to sea. It is very insightful on the regulatory bodies that inspect commercial ship and the class society. It is chilling. The recount of the hearings is fascinating.

I'll skip what everyone else talked about. This is a \*great\* book for sailors, pilots, and anyone else concerned with transportation/industrial safety. It shows, in detail, how a system can be designed to be dangerous and yet consistently blame the victims. Oh - don't forget - it IS a great and heartbreaking story as well. I love wreck diving, but after reading this I am not sure I can dive this wreck.

After reading this i'm amazed I survived many trips on old T-2 ships in the 1970's. Many were across the North Atlantic in the winter. From a marine engineering perspective it needs some editing but a good read none-the-less.

I originally read this book some six or seven years ago. I have always wanted to read it again and saw that it had come down in price and was available on Kindle. Robert Frump tells the tale of the Marine Electric, a coal hauling ship that sinks off of Virginia back in the 1980's. Frump weaves several threads through the story and draws you into this disturbing tale about a captain that survives his ship sinking and the results. The captain of that Italian cruise ship should read this. Get it, it's a good read.

I READ THE BOOK, IT IS VERY NEAR TO MY HEART, BECAUSE ONE OF THE MEN THAT DIED ON THE SHIP, WAS MY BEST FRIEND'S FATHER. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE BOOK.

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