

QUESTIONS ON THE EXCERPT ABOUT THE “SEA DIAMOND” WRECKAGE

1. What was the attitude of the crew?
2. What were the reactions of the passengers?
3. What made the salvation of the wreckage difficult?
4. In what way were the methods of rescue inappropriate, as per the International Regulations of Search and Rescue?

After having listened to the audio piece twice, write an entry to the Ship captain's log of the day. (200 words)

Here follows an excerpt from the New York Times concerning the wreckage, draw any information that you might find relevant.

“ The 1,156 passengers, most of them Americans, and the 391 crew members were forced to evacuate the listing liner, which sank 15 hours after the accident on Thursday. A pair of French tourists have been missing since then.

“I felt the ship, which had been on a normal course, slip to the right because of the sea currents,” state-run NET television quoted the captain as saying in the deposition during a long session before a public prosecutor. “I gave the order for a full turn left. But there was not enough time for the ship to respond.” The captain’s name has not been released, and the television station did not explain how it obtained the deposition comments.

On Saturday, the captain and five other officers of the 489-foot-long Sea Diamond were indicted on charges of causing a shipwreck through negligence, breaching international shipping safety regulations and polluting the environment.”