

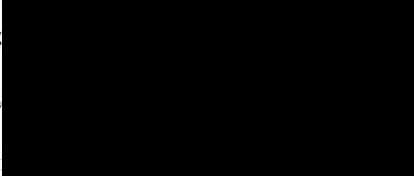


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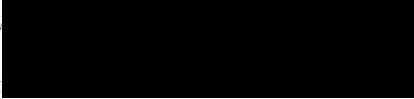
Please Print Clearly:

Witness Name: Adam Prokosh

Employer Name: Bounty

Street Address: 

Employer Address: Greenport, NY

City/State: 

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone No: 

Cell Phone No: _____

Position: Able- Seaman

License/Document No: I can't recall

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

Thursday morning we daysailed and got underway after a brief meeting talking about our plans for meeting up with hurricane sandy. Once underway we broke into watches I was the 12-4 watch each watch stands a maintenance watch during the day as well mine was 8:45-11:15 "work party" or maintenance watch spent all their time stowing the boat for sea. we also down rigged our royal yard and sail. Bent on "sailor strainers" and deep reefed the main topsail. Once wind picked up we sailed up the just fore course and main staysail. Friday or Saturday the wind and sea picked up to 15-20ft and 60kt winds we took in main staysail. we blew out our course then just sailed up the fore staysail. Took in the main staysail all unused sails were storm furled with clows lashed to the yards. Wind got heavier so Robyn decided no sails were good. I went to bed but got woken up after an hour for an all hands on deck call. some of the weather side of the course got blown from its furl. but it was too dangerous to send crew

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Witness Name: Adam Prokosch Employer Name: Bounty

abft. Mizzen gaff broke and spunker sail came apart in shreds, once the boom was secured by the broken piece being hauled to deck we lashed the throat of the boom to the weather side timberhead. All crew was ordered below I helped clean little bits of wood from the bridges when I took a tumble and injured myself. I spent the rest of my time on board in pain on my back until it was time to get into a survival suit. I geared up and went to deck when the tweens started filling with water, the boat capsized and I scrambled to find my shipmates and get to a liferaft. Once in a liferaft we waited for USCG to save us. We had an EPERB on ~~boat~~ board the liferaft

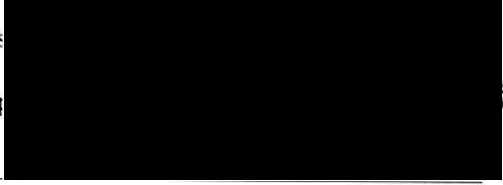
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Witness Name: CHRISTOPHER BANKSDALE Employer Name: BOUNTY
Street Address:  Employer Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone No: _____ Cell Phone No: _____
Position: ENGINEER License/Document No: _____

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

ON THE LATE AFTERNOON OF MONDAY 28th, 2012 WHILE UNDER SAIL, I MOTOR SEVERAL THINGS HAPPENED. FIRST SEVERAL OF THE SALES RIPPED UNDER HEAVY WINDS. WE THEN LOST POWER TO THE PORT MAIN AND GENERATOR. WHICH CAUSED A SLOW DOWN IN THE BILGE PUMPS. BECAUSE OF LACK OF POWER WE WERE UNABLE TO OUTFRAN THE APPROACHING STORM AND WE BEGAN TAKING ON MORE WATER THAN WE COULD PUMP. THE COAST GUARD WAS CALLED AND ADVISED OF OUR CONDITION. EARLY IN THE MORNING WE WERE TOLD TO ABANDON SHIP. DRESSED IN OUR IMPERMEABLE SUITS WE WENT OVER THE SIDE AND MYSELF AND 5 OTHERS LOCATED A LIFERAFT AND WE WERE RESCUED BY THE COAST GUARD.

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Witness Name: Jess Hewitt

Employer Name: BOUNTY

Street Address: 

Employer Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone No: _____

Cell Phone No: _____

Position: Deckhand

License/Document No: N/A BUT HAVE ONE

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I have a hard time writing this down. It makes it very real. The whole time I was thankful for my maritime training. But there is nothing more haunting than fighting for your life amongst the sinking ship (my home). There were a lot of events that snowballed and hindsight is 20/20. The 3 mates all did their jobs amongst all that was going on. We had a good crew, but the systems & just failed. I wish I had saved the boat check log.

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Witness Name: Jessica Black

Employer Name: HMS Bounty organization

Street Address: 

Employer Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone No: _____

Cell Phone No: _____

Position: Cook

License/Document No: _____

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

The Bounty was taking on water, the boat was leaning towards port side.

We prepared emergency gear while still attempting to fix a trash pump to pump the water from the engine room. We made the decision to abandon ship, ~~gear~~ put on immersion suits, PFD's + harnesses. We all gathered on deck, did a head count as people arrived on deck. Then the boat ~~leaned~~ capsized, leaving the deck @ a 90° angle with us all sliding from

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Witness Name: Jessica Black Employer Name: _____

Starboard to port ~~to~~ into the water.
~~We all in~~ I (+ everyone else) tried
to swim away from the ship to ~~go~~ ~~not~~
~~get~~ avoid getting caught in the
~~Rigging~~ Rigging or being hit by falling
debris from the ship.

We then attempted to ^{inflate} ~~deploy~~ life rafts
+ both were inflated, I saw one and was
able to swim to it after clearing the
ship. I (and two others) were ^{hanging} ~~not~~ onto
outside of the Raft - unable to
climb in. The 4 crewmates inside pulled
us in, where we stayed until the
Coast Guard helicopter arrived.

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Signature _____

Date 10-30-12



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Witness Name: John D Janes Employer Name: HMS Bounty Organization
Street Address: [Redacted] Employer Address: East Seatauket
City/State: [Redacted] City/State/Zip: East Seatauket NY
Phone Number: [Redacted] Cell Phone No: _____
Position: Deckhand License/Document No: _____

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

The captain and crew left New London knowing we were trying to beat a hurricane. The Captain told everyone before we left that if anyone did not want to come feel free to stay on land before leaving New London Ct. Everything was going fine thurs day and Friday until Saturday the weather really got worse where the bilges would not stay prime there was all kind of debris ^{in bilges} from yard period in maine plus trash being washed into bilge from crew quarter from rolling seas. our systems couldn't keep up. the mates were very organized with getting us prepared to abandon ship.

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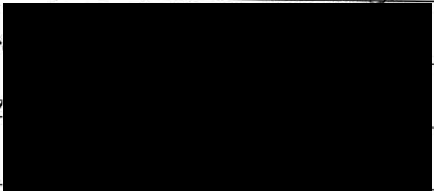


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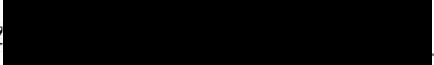
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Witness Name: John Earl Svendsen

Employer Name: Bounty

Street Address: 

Employer Address: 20 Cedar Ln

City/State/Zip: 

City/State/Zip: East Setauket NY 11733

Phone No: 

Cell Phone No: 631-584-7900 office

Position: 1st Mate

License/Document No: 

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

Left NewLondon, CT; sailed South by east when storm tracking north east, ship steamed south east; winds picked up to 50 sustained w gusts up to 65 knots; blew a scene at sea for cause, set fair sail + ran redan; lost port main engine + generator; started taking water faster than pump out; lost starboard generator then starboard main engine used to pump out water; re-started starboard generator, broke gaff on main + secured that; secured fair cause, lost starboard generator due to water, started port generator lost starboard main engine; engine room 4ft under water at that point; trash pump not taking prove, port generator died, late entry - called USCG when lost starboard main; sent 1/2 crew to secure items inside, others 1/2 prep'ng emergency equipment + life jackets; everyone in suits + life jackets except me in running; everyone going to life rafts; ship went under w/ a white bucket as he b. a. s. v. e. d; I floated at speed of debris around me; for SAR - recommend forgot crew + debris floating around area

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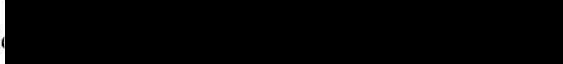


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Witness Name: Joshua M. Scornavacchi

Employer Name: Bounty

Street Address: 

Employer Address: _____

City/State: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone No: _____

Cell Phone No: _____

Position: Deckhand

License/Document No: _____

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

During Hurricane Sandy, the sailing tallship Bounty took on high volumes of water as we pitched and heeled through rolling seas, high winds, and large waves. Sunday night through Monday morning, despite unrelenting attempts at expelling water via bilge, hydrolic, and trash pumps, the water level continued to grow uncontrollably. Captain Robin Walbridge contacted the U.S. Coast Guard and relayed our position and distress. Shortly afterwards, a C-130 plane spotted us with a fly-by, we planned for a rescue by the nearest Coast Guard vessel in 6 hours. ~~How~~ Unfortunately, the rate of rise increased and we did not have 6 hours. Instead, ~~we~~ Bounty capsized and we abandoned ship prematurely, we were just about to launch the life rafts and initiate our departure when the ship began to roll over. As the ship rolled sailors slid across the

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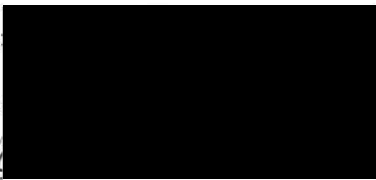
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Witness Name: Mark Warner

Employer Name: Bounty

Street Address: 

Employer Address: Port Jaffer Greenport, NY

City/State/Zip: 

City/State/Zip: NY

Phone No: 

Cell Phone No: _____


Position: Deckhand

License/Document No: _____

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

Our voyage plan was Boothbay Harbor, ME to Galveston, TX. My position was deckhand. Our first stop was New London, CT for a daysail with Navy submariners. We motor-sailed SE from New London to set up for a favorable position from which to encounter hurricane Sandy. Once we determined the storm would stay offshore, we headed SW to take advantage of favorable winds on the north and west side of a counterclockwise spinning storm. We have to Southeast of Cape Hatteras with winds gusting to 60 knots and 25 ft. seas. We were unable to pump bilges effectively, despite running the pumps constantly. Backup pump systems also proved ineffective, and water levels continued to rise in all compartments. ~~Pushing water~~ We lost main engines and generators, and radioed our office and the Coast Guard for assistance. Our engineers were able to restart a generator and rain, and we continued to pump. Preparations were made ~~to~~ abandon ship if necessary. without success ~~at this time~~

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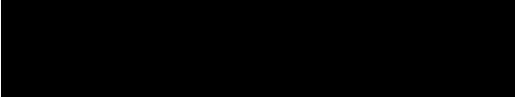
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Witness Name: Douglas FAUNT

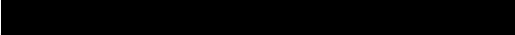
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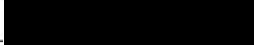
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Employer Address: 22 Research Way,

City/State/Zip: 

City/State/Zip: East Gettysburg NY 11733

Phone No: 

Cell Phone No: 

Position: AB - A watch

License/Document No: it sank

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

We were unable to adequately dewater the boat, due to multiple problems, exacerbated by hurricane Sandy. We hoped to get outside assistance, but that was unavailable in time. The crew was on deck, prepared to abandon when she went under, lee side first. We swam free, found and entered one of the rafts, and were picked up by a USCG helicopter.

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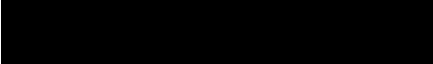
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Witness Name: Douglas Fawnt

Employer Name: BOUNTY LLC

Street Address: 

Employer Address: 22 RESEARCH WAY

City/State/Zip: 

City/State/Zip: East Setauket NY 11733

Phone No: 

Cell Phone No: 

Position: AB

License/Document No: Not known with boat

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

~~Because of our schedule~~ We were unable to dewater the boat at an appropriate rate, due to a number of issues, so after a couple of days of coping with the hurricane the water rose, exacerbating the bilge pumping issues, until the water overwhelmed us. We were waiting on deck for raft launch when the boat rolled over, and we were in the water. We swam clear of the boat + rig, found a raft, and with much help, climbed in.

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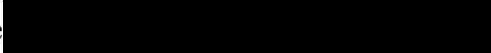


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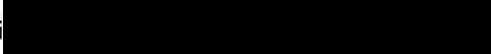
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Witness Name: Laura Knives

Employer Name: Tall Ship Bounty

Street Address: 

Employer Address: 22 Research Way ~~NY~~

City/State/Zip: 

City/State/Zip: NY

Phone No: 

Cell Phone No: _____

Position: Boatswain

License/Document No: Went down w/ ship
side scannan Special / Near Coastal 100 ton

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

The Bounty was made of wood and sometimes the seams between the hull planks let water in especially in a heavy seaway. When our variety of bilge pumps malfunctioned it ended up being too much water. We fought to save the ship for about ten hours and abandoned ship when it was no longer safe to be aboard.

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