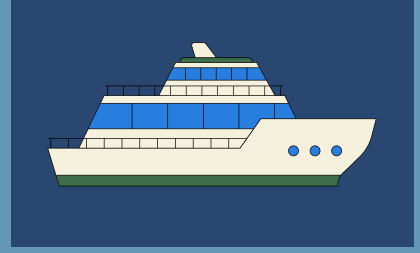


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# THE WRECK OF EDMUND FITZGERALD

"Weather conditions continued to deteriorate. Gale warnings had been issued at 7 pm on November 9, upgraded to storm warnings early in the morning of November 10." - Shipwreck Museum

The Edmund Fitzgerald set out on a trip while consciously knowing about the less than ideal weather. The story ends in a state of loss, proved by the church bell ringing twenty-nine times to remember those lost.



## THE KNOWLEDGE

**"The captain wired in he had water comin' in  
And the good ship and crew was in peril"**

At 3:30 pm that afternoon, Captain McSorley radioed Captain Cooper and said: "Anderson, this is the Fitzgerald. I have a fence rail down, two vents lost or damaged, and a list. I'm checking down."

The Captain knew that his situation could be lethal, so he planned to call it in and search for a pier. If they were not fast, he would lose his ship and his crew, as well as his own life.



## THE LOSS

**"And all that remains is the faces and the names  
Of the wives and the sons and the daughters"**

"According to Captain Cooper, about 6:55 pm, he and the men in the Anderson's pilothouse felt a "bump", felt the ship lurch, and then turned to see a monstrous wave engulfing their entire vessel from astern. The wave worked its way along the deck, crashing on the back of the pilothouse, driving the bow of the Anderson down into the sea."

Less than half an hour after this, the Fitzgerald had stopped responding.



## THE REMEMBRANCE

**"The church bell chimed till it rang twenty-nine times  
For each man on the Edmund Fitzgerald"**

"What caused the ship to take on water, enough to lose buoyancy and dive to the bottom so quickly, without a single cry for help, cannot be determined. Twenty-nine men were lost when the Fitzgerald went down. There is absolutely no conclusive evidence to determine the cause of the sinking. The bell of the ship is now on display in the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum as a memorial to her lost crew."

Alas, the loss of the ship and twenty-nine people.



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