

Boat Story's

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In no particular order

Lifeboat No. 20 on the port side; it wasn't even half full. Just as it was being lowered, one of the sailors "lost his head" and let the falls slip from his hands.⁽¹⁹⁾ The bow plunged forward; Hammond grabbed for the rope and tried to stop the downward momentum, but it tore his hands "to shreds." The boat plummeted sideways, spilling the passengers some sixty feet into the water below

Boat no. 18, Isaac Lehmann threatens the seaman with his revolver to launch boat 18 as he see water nearing or entering the forcastle (possible around 2:25 as that's when the forcastle went under) the seaman releases the pin holding the boat and it swings in killing about 50 people

Lifeboat no. 7 is pulled under on the deck as its bow falls are still attached

Lifeboat no 11 clears away as the boat deck goes under

Lifeboat no 15 launched as the boat deck goes under, nearly gets caught in the Marconi wires

Lifeboat no 17 with avis dolphin is launched until 12 feet above the water, two men jump into it and capsize it, lost with ship

Lifeboat 14 is launched but capsizes 6 times on the way down and sinks once hitting the water, happens around the incident with lifeboat 18

Lifeboat 13 is launched soon after no 1

Leslie's naming of lifeboat 11 and 13 was the one that fell on top of it does not match the testimony occupants of lifeboat 13, who do not mention anything extraordinary in the lowering of their boat. It is likely, then, that the boat Leslie lowered as lifeboat 9 and lifeboat 11 was the one that fell on top of it. Lifeboat 11 had spilled earlier in the sinking before it was filled again and cast away safely.

This puts the timeline of this incident towards the end as Leslie and his brother go to launch boat 1 which is launched right before the boat deck goes under

In short

Lifeboat 9 is lowered by Leslie and it moves aft as the ship is still moving

Lifeboat 11 slips on the falls and lands on Boat 9, full of people

Lifeboats 1 is lowered to the water with help by Leslie and his brother

Lifeboat No.2 on the port side, Junior Third Officer Bestic was in charge. Standing on the after davit, he was trying to keep order and explain that due to the heavy list, the boat could not be lowered. Suddenly, he heard the sound of a hammer striking the release-pin to the snubbing chain. Before the word 'NO!' left his lips, the chain was freed and the five-ton lifeboat laden with over fifty passengers swung inboard and crushed those standing on the boat deck against the superstructure. Unable to take the strain, the men at the davits let go of the falls and No.2 boat, plus the collapsible boat stowed behind it, slid down the deck towing a grisly collection of injured passengers and jammed under the bridge wing, right beneath the spot where Captain Turner was standing.

Lifeboat No.4 boat, just as somebody knocked out the release-pin. He darted out of the way as No.4 boat slid down the deck maiming and killing countless more people, before crashing into the wreckage of the first two boats

Driven by panic, passengers swarmed into boat Nos. 6, 8 and 10. One after the other they swung inboard and then careered down the deck to join boat Nos. 2 and 4 over the course of the next 10 minutes

Iv also heard reports that Lifeboat 12 falls onto number 10, possibly explained by this "As boat twelve was being lowered the excited passengers got in the way of the rope falls and the boat began to dip by the bows. Charles Bowring watched as an officer tried to correct the angle, ordering, 'Let her go a little faster by the stern,' but the man in charge of the falls 'evidently could not let go quick enough . . . and the stern absolutely lost control and the boat went right down stern first . . . I looked over the side and saw the passengers being spilled into the water.' Boat fourteen was successfully lowered about halfway down but then 'they evidently lost control of her . . . and she went down straight on an even keel right down on the people that were in the water out of the first boat"

Lifeboat 16 is launched about 2:15 and is destroyed during its decent

Lifeboat 21 is launched almost at the end

Lifeboat 22 floats off and supports life

Lifeboat 5 is blown off the ship from the torpedo

Lifeboat 2 fails to release the falls

Lifeboat 19 launched around 8 min in