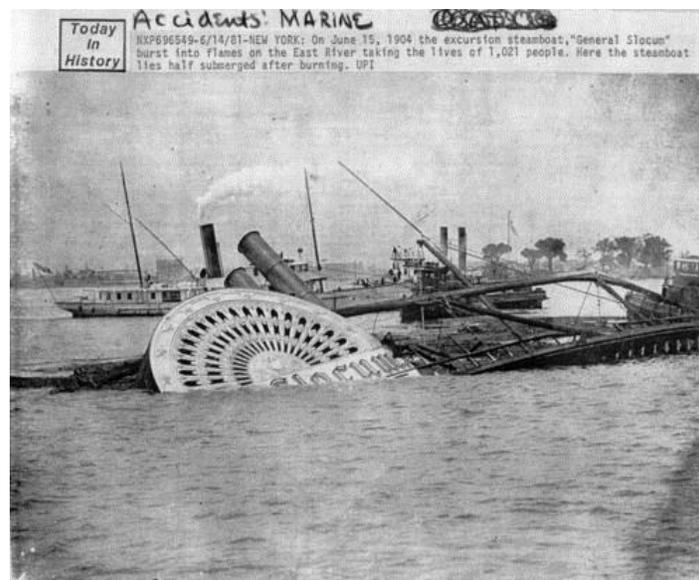


Passenger Ship Accidents Since 1900

The recent tragedy of the Costa Concordia is neither the first or the worst accident of its kind. Passenger ships have seen many disasters since the early 1900s. Click through this gallery to see details about some of the wrecks.

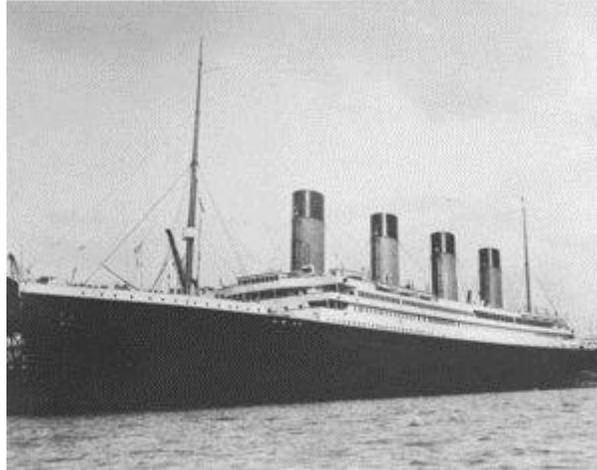
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General Slocumb (1904)

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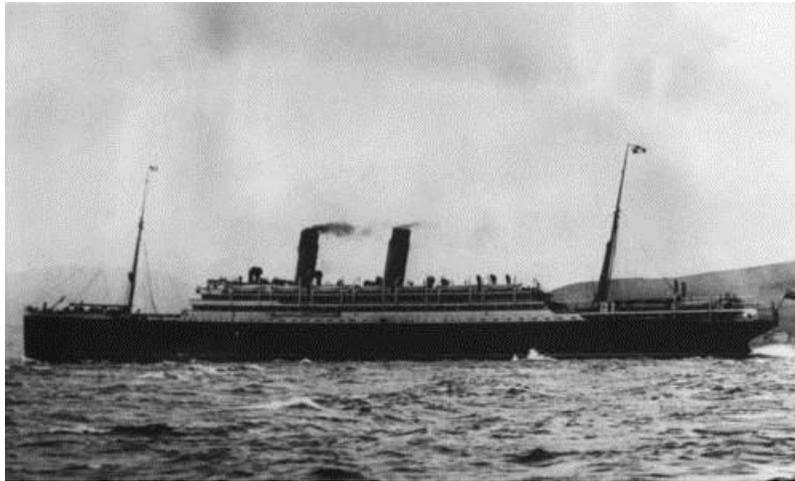
On June 15, 1904 the excursion steamboat 'General Slocum' burst into flames on the East River of New York taking the lives of 1,021 people.



RMS Titanic (1912)

(Titanic Historical Society)

The Titanic struck on iceberg and sank on its maiden voyage from England to New York City in 1912, killing 1,517 people.



RMS Empress of Ireland (1914)

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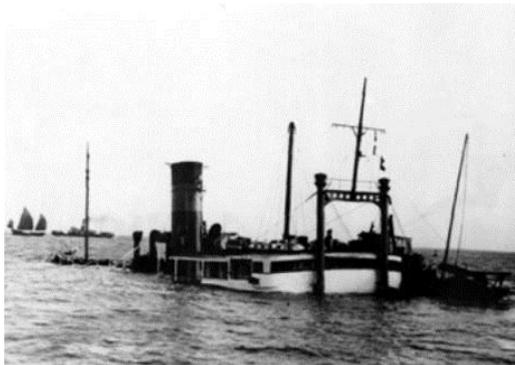
The RMS Empress of Ireland was struck by another ship while traveling in heavy fog on the St. Lawrence River near Quebec, Canada in May of 1914. The ship sank very quickly, and of the 1,477 passengers and crew, more than 1,012 lost their lives.



SS Moro Castle (1934)

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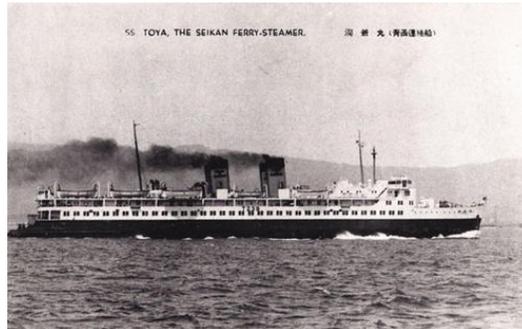
The luxury cruise ship SS Morro Castle was en route from Havana, Cuba, to New York, when the ship caught fire near Asbury Park, New Jersey, where the ship was beached. Of the 549 passengers and crew, more than 130 lost their lives.



SS Kiangya (1948)

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The Chinese passenger ship SS Kiangya is believed to have hit a mine near Shanghai in December 1948. Exact numbers are unknown, as the ship was likely carrying many more people than its manifest listed, with people trying to escape civil war, but it is thought that at least 2,750 people died and more than 700 were rescued. The ships official capacity was 1,186.



Tōya Maru (1954)

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The Japanese train ferry Tōya Maru sank during a typhoon near the Japanese islands of Hokkaidō and Honshū in September 1954. While the Japanese National Railways put the death toll at 1,153 people an exact number is unclear due to last minute bookings and cancellations.



SS Andrea Doria (1956)

(HANDOUT)

The Italian Line ship SS Andrea Doria was on its way to New York City when it struck another ship off the coast of Nantucket in July of 1956, killing 46 people and sinking the ship.



MV Doña Paz (1987)

(Lindsay Bridge / Creative Commons)

The Manila-bound passenger ferry MV Doña Paz sank after colliding with another ship, killing 4,375 people in December 1987.

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MS Achille Lauro (1994)

(D.R. Walker / Creative Commons)

While the Achille Lauro is more famous for being hijacked in October 1985, the ship caught fire and sank off the coast of Somalia in November 1994. Most of the 1,000+ passengers and crew survived, but at least two people lost their lives.



MS Estonia (1994)

(Courtesy Accident Investigation Board Finland / Creative Commons)

The MS Estonia was crossing the Baltic Sea headed for Stockholm when the cruise ferry hit severe weather and sank, killing 852 people in September 1994.



MV Le Joola (2002)

(AFP/GETTY IMAGES)

An undated photo shows the ferry Joola loading in Dakar port. The Joola sank following a storm in the Atlantic ocean in September of 2002, killing 1,863 people. Late rescue operations, launched the day after, found only 64 people alive and **recovered 500 bodies**. The others remain missing.



MS al-Salam Boccaccio (2006)

(U.S. Navy)

The MS al-Salam Boccaccio sank in February 2006 in the Red Sea. The ship was carrying more than 1,400 passengers and crew. With a lack of SOS from the ship and poor weather conditions hampering rescue efforts, only 388 people were rescued.



MS Explorer (2007)

(HO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES)

The cruise liner MS Explorer hit an iceberg off Antarctica in November 2007 and other ships rushed to rescue more than 150 people who took to the freezing seas in lifeboats.

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MV Princess Of The Stars (2008)

(U.S. Navy)

The MV Princess of the Stars capsized during the Typhoon Fengshen in June of 2008. The ferry was off the coast of San Fernando, Romblon. Due to the severe weather at the time and the many smaller vessels that capsized in the area, it is unclear how many of the 700+ passengers and crew survived.



Carnival Splendor (2010)

(U.S. Navy)

The Carnival cruise ship Splendor was left adrift southwest of San Diego, California in November 2010, after an engine room fire. More than 4,400 passengers and crew were stuck on-board for more than 2 1/2 days with no power for air conditioning or water and only military rations for food, before being towed to port in San Diego.



Costa Concordia (2012)

(VINCENZO PINTO, AFP/GETTY IMAGES / January 18, 2012)

The cruise liner Costa Concordia ran aground in front of the harbour of the Isola del Giglio (Giglio island) after hitting underwater rocks on January 13, 2012, killing at least 10 people.

