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In my lifetime, it was the sports section of great writers like Jim Kearney and Jim Taylor and James Lawton, and from this royal line of succession Archie McDonald was still tapping out daily columns when I started in. We liked one another, encouraged one another. We had skilled writers and tenacious reporters and even a few people who excelled at both journalistic foundations. Two of those guys were Gary Kingston and Brad Ziemer. Like rowers in the power seats at the middle of an eight-man crew, sometimes obscured by more visible teammates at the bow and stern, Gary and Brad have been the engine room of the Vancouver Sun sports department for the last two decades, powering us forward. They retired this week, before their 60th birthdays. I had a newspaper route. And I remember growing up in a household of avid newspaper readers and racing to the porch to grab The Sun when it landed with a big thud on our doorstep because I always wanted the sports section first. I grew up admiring people like Jim Taylor and Jim Kearney. Once I decided that journalism was a part of my future, it certainly was a goal of mine to work at the paper. I feel blessed to have spent 30 years during some really good times working there. In , he left his desk to return to reporting. Gary, who grew up in Coquitlam, joined the department in . I worked 12 years for CP and covered the provincial legislature when I was 24 years old. Gary came to the Sun to cover the B. Lions and the Canadian Football League, then added the basketball beat to his workload when our city was awarded the Vancouver Grizzlies instead of a National Basketball Association team. Gary instead made a sign and wore it around his neck to the next Grizzlies practice. But he discovered his calling only when he was assigned on late notice to cover the Paralympic Games in Athens. The people are fantastic. You get Paralympic sports when you stop seeing the athletes as disabled. This seemed to happen instantly with Gary, who went on to cover six Paralympics and became the defining media voice on the movement in Canada. Ziemer became the defining voice on B. Brad seemed to know every professional and notable amateur golfer in B. The only other B. Just go down the list of people who worked in the department when I joined it: They were not only just really good people, but really talented people, driven people.

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The fire could not be contained and spread throughout the ship. A distress call was finally sent about 6: Meanwhile, the passengers were instructed to go up on deck and prepare to abandon ship. All passengers and crew abandoned the ship. A passing freighter eventually rescued the passengers after they spent about five to eight hours in the lifeboats. There were no fatalities with some minor injuries reported. There we were, myself, my partner, my sister and her husband standing on the bridge of the cruise ship SUN VISTA joking with the friendly staff and learning a little about the operations of the ship before we went on down for a engine room tour. What was so funny? Well, we could read messages about piracy warnings in the Malacca Straits and made wisecracks about a fire warning light partly covered up. Life is wonderful; my first cruise, what could possibly go wrong? The next 24 hours became an experience of a lifetime! Bit of a glitch we thought. After a while we started to realise this minor problem could last for a while as we noticed a bit of smoke starting to come up through the funnel complex of the ship. By now we had lost all momentum and were drifting with no power. We thought things must be under control otherwise we would have requested assistance from them. We had all been advised not to go below decks due to smoke and gas from the fire but as our cabins were fairly close to where my group of six had now moved to up at the bow enjoying a wonderful view with a few beers I decided with my brother in law to go back to my cabin and grab few things. So yes below we went and gathered the necessities of survival, my hip flask of scotch my camera and thankfully my sisters jewelry. So now time is moving on, instead of a bit of inconvenience and excitement this problem was becoming a bit of a worry, I mean tonight was our last night, we had the big captains dinner. So now the confusion, anxiety and organised chaos really starts. Hey no life jackets, guess where they are? You got it, back to the cabin again with my brother in law. I tell you it was starting to get a little uncomfortable below decks now but we finally started to realise something was a tad serious, besides lack of beer. So in we get. At this moment I feel very surreal, yes I love to travel, have had some strange and funny things happen to me on holidays most of my friends are now a bit weary of traveling with me but this was weird. Our lifeboat is full approx 72 persons and we are the first away. Prior to this cruise I had not seen the recent movie blockbuster Titanic but three things happened that brought a chill to my spine when I eventually did see the movie. As our lifeboat was being lowered one of the two ropes which lower it had not been freed which then caused it to tip at a bit of a frightening angle. Now lets get out of here we all think, not so fast, we are just not that lucky. Now our lifeboat is in the water, time to start the motor. Now life got a little hairy, as we are in the water the lifeboat started to drift towards the stern of the ship under the next lifeboat being launched. Everyone started to realise that we had drifted under where the second lifeboat was going to come down and started to yell at the crew on deck to stop lowering. I think I came within about three seconds of acute embarrassment as I was about to grab my girl and go over the side as we were right under the section where the boat would have come down. Luckily the crew realised the problem and stopped the other craft, very lucky for me, imagine what my girl would have done to me if I had thrown her in the drink for no good reason. So now the time is approx 6. I mean, I recommend to anyone if you are going to be shipwrecked then do it in the Malacca Straits, it is very calm, there are hundreds of other vessels within a reasonable distance of you, and as we all had life jackets on if you by some misfortune ended up in the water you would probably have more chance of dying of dysentery than shark attack or drowning. So now lets just sit back and bob around in the ocean, watch the sunset and wait for our rescue. Organised chaos continued as we watched a tug arrive and pour water onto the Sun Vista in a vain attempt to put the fire out. Entertainment was provided by our crew, maybe not intentionally but what we had was an English speaking officer in charge of our lifeboat, Swedish engineer and a Filipino tiller man. As all three were needed to manoeuvre and control the lifeboat I thought they did very well considering neither spoke the others language. I think the expletives were reasonably well understood and helped them all. We had a hairy 45 minutes getting people from the lifeboat onto the container vessel as the lifeboat was

bobbing around in the swell a fair bit but everyone got safely off. So now we are on our third vessel in 24 hours, third cruise I guess. The crew of this vessel were most kind and gave us plenty to drink no beer unfortunately and several rooms to lounge around in. We arrived on deck, leaned on the rail to have a look around at all the ships and boats in the area. We both stood there and stared at the last seconds of the wonderful ship, our first cruise the Sun Vista, slide ever so gracefully, bow last, beneath the sea. Hell of a cruise we both thought!! What was the best thing to come out of the whole ordeal; well on a cruise you book everything up to your cabin, all your drinks etc and guess what, the drinks bill went down with the ship. With images from previous cruise taken by Jonathan Boonzaier. A version of this article first appeared on an earlier edition of MaritimeMatters in August , edited and returned in

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