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It was 2:30 a.m. on Easter morning of March 2008, when fishing trawler Alaska Ranger began taking on water in the frigid Bering Sea, more than 100 miles from the closest land. By 4:30 a.m., all 47 people on board had abandoned ship. More than half of the fishermen had failed to make it into a life raft.

Ultimately, 42 of the 47 crew members were rescued - twenty of them were individually airlifted from the freezing waters - an unprecedented achievement in Coast Guard history.

Author Thompson recounts the tragic sinking of the Alaska Ranger and the rescue mission - one of the most remarkable in maritime history.