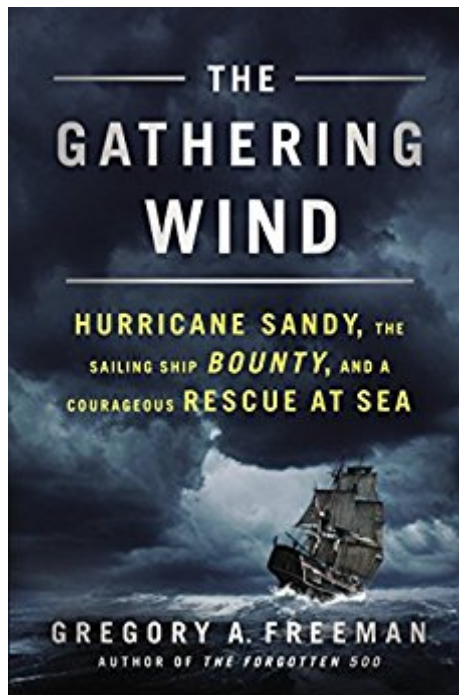


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# The Gathering Wind: Hurricane Sandy, The Sailing Ship Bounty, And A Courageous Rescue At Sea



## Synopsis

October 2012. A replica of the famous HMS Bounty, an eighteenth-century tall sailing ship, set a collision course with a storm that became the largest hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic—a clash that proved to be one of the most unforgettable stories of Superstorm Sandy. The Bounty, crewed by an eclectic team of seafarers and led by highly respected captain Robin Walbridge, departed from Connecticut as Sandy raced north. Walbridge, whose decisions decided the fate of his ship and crew, attempted to outmaneuver the storm by heading southeast. As violent gusts tossed the wooden vessel, the crew fought to save their ship—and themselves. When the storm finally overtook the ship, the crew was tossed into the churning sea. The men and women of a Coast Guard station in North Carolina courageously flew into hundred-mile-per-hour winds to rescue the survivors of the Bounty. After hours of white-knuckle flying, they accomplished one of their most memorable rescues ever. Based on interviews with Bounty survivors and unfettered access to Coast Guard rescue team members, *The Gathering Wind* is the most complete account of this heartbreaking, thrilling, and inspirational story. INCLUDES PHOTOS

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TLDR: Ship in bad shape sinks in Sandy, most of crew saved and now safe. You likely know the basics from the news. An old wooden sailing ship in poor shape headed out into one of the biggest hurricanes in recorded history and - not to ruin the book or anything - sank. The book is a good read. You follow along as the crew struggles against all manner of malfunctions and horrible weather. You are right there with the USCG as they pull off an astounding rescue in horrific conditions. Every time the crew takes on a new mechanical malfunction you feel like screaming "Turn around! Don't Do it! Go back!" but you know it is too late. The Bounty was a slow ship in poor condition. This is not a fast moving disaster like a plane crash. It is more like spending 3 days watching someone slowly ride a bike toward a cliff and go right off it after passing about 50 warning signs. So why not 5 stars? The book could have been better. The author is not a sailor himself and it shows every now and again. The confusion between AIS and radar is one such issue. Another issue is while the author knows it is a bad idea to do what they did, it takes someone with experience at sea to know how stupendously bad an idea their voyage was. Trying to run before a hurricane against the Gulf Stream and sandwiched between the storm and Cape Hatteras isn't a bad idea. It is the WORST POSSIBLE idea. The opposing wind and current produces very steep and confused seas that can tear a well found ship apart and the Bounty was far from well found. The car analogy wouldn't be driving in a snow storm on bald tires, it would be driving 120 MPH in a snow storm on bald tires while drunk with both eyes closed while carrying 20 gallons of nitroglycerin.

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