



Luxury Yacht Sinks Off Sicily

Description

A luxury yacht named Bayesian sank off the coast of Sicily, tragically resulting in the deaths of tech entrepreneur Mike Lynch and six others. An initial report revealed that the owner and crew were not aware that wind speeds over 73 mph could cause the yacht to capsize.

After the yacht sank on August 19, investigators found that strong winds, reaching 80 mph, hit the vessel suddenly. This caused it to take on water and sink in just seconds. Seven out of the 22 people on board died, including Lynch and his daughter, Hannah.

The yacht was sailing to avoid bad weather and had its sails down when it capsized. Just before the incident, the wind speed increased dramatically from 9 mph to 80 mph within an hour. Crew members were trying to secure the yacht when it tipped over sharply. Eyewitness reports mention various injuries among the crew and guests as they struggled to stay aboard.

Dr. Simon Boxall, an oceanographer, commented that the yacht was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Survivors escaped using a life raft and were rescued by another nearby yacht. The UK's Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) is looking into the incident. Recovery efforts to raise the 56-meter yacht from the sea have paused due to safety concerns after a diver died during the operation.

Investigators aim to provide more information as they continue their work.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Capsize** /'kæp.saɪz/ (verb): To overturn or become unsteady on water.
2. **Investigator** /ɪn'ves.tɪ.geɪ.tər/ (noun): A person who examines and considers information to uncover facts.
3. **Recovery** /rɪ'kʌv.ər.i/ (noun): The process of regaining possession or control of something.
4. **Accident** /'æk.sɪ.dənt/ (noun): An unexpected event that results in damage or injury.
5. **Tragically** /'trædʒ.ɪ.kli/ (adverb): In a way that is extremely sad or unfortunate.
6. **Vessel** /'ves.əl/ (noun): A ship or large boat used for traveling over water.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



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1. What was the name of the luxury yacht that sank off the coast of Sicily?
Option: Bayesian
Option: Aristotle
Option: Quantum
Option: Stellar
 2. How many people died as a result of the sinking of the luxury yacht?
Option: 6
Option: 7
Option: 8
Option: 9
 3. Who was among the individuals who died in the yacht sinking?
Option: Mike Lynch
Option: Dr. Simon Boxall
Option: MAIB investigator
Option: rescue team member
 4. What caused the luxury yacht to sink according to the initial report?
Option: 73 mph winds
Option: 60 mph winds
Option: 90 mph winds
Option: 100 mph winds
 5. What was the length of the luxury yacht that sank?
Option: 43 meters
Option: 56 meters
Option: 65 meters
Option: 72 meters
 6. Who commented that the yacht was in the wrong place at the wrong time?
Option: Dr. Simon Boxall
Option: Mike Lynch
Option: Hannah Lynch
Option: MAIB investigator

True-False



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7. The luxury yacht sank on August 20.
 8. The crew of the yacht were aware of the potential risks of high wind speeds.
 9. Eyewitness reports mentioned no injuries among the crew and guests.
 10. The recovery efforts to raise the yacht from the sea were not paused.
 11. Survivors were rescued by a passing helicopter.
 12. There were 25 people on board the luxury yacht when it sank.

Gap-Fill

13. Dr. Simon Boxall is an _____.
14. The wind speed increased dramatically from 9 mph to _____ within an hour.
15. The initial report revealed that wind speeds over _____ could cause the yacht to capsize.
16. The UK's Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) is looking into the incident to uncover more _____.
17. There were _____ people on board the luxury yacht when it sunk.
18. Recovery efforts to raise the yacht from the sea have paused due to safety concerns after a _____ died during the operation.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Bayesian 2. 7 3. Mike Lynch 4. 73 mph winds 5. 56 meters 6. Dr. Simon Boxall

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. oceanographer 14. 80 mph 15. 73 mph 16. information 17. 22 18. diver



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term is used to describe the overturning of a vessel?
Option: Incident
Option: Recovery
Option: Capsize
Option: Combat
2. What is the term for the process of regaining possession of a vessel after an incident?
Option: Unacceptable
Option: Rescue
Option: Recovery
Option: Compensation
3. Which term refers to the act of saving individuals from a vessel in distress?
Option: Introduce
Option: Recovery
Option: Rescue
Option: Streamline
4. What term denotes the maximum amount that something can contain?
Option: Emphasized
Option: Capacity
Option: Tariffs
Option: Impact
5. Which term relates to a struggle or fighting involving two or more entities?
Option: Yields
Option: Combat
Option: Confidence
Option: Unrest
6. Which term refers to limitations or controls imposed on certain actions or activities?
Option: Confiscation
Option: Unrest
Option: Outbreak
Option: Restrictions
7. Which term describes a sudden occurrence or increase of something harmful or unwanted?



- Option: Cured
- Option: Confiscation
- Option: Restitution
- Option: Outbreak

8. What term refers to tasks or situations that test one's abilities or skills?

- Option: Confidence
- Option: Impact
- Option: Unrest
- Option: Challenges

9. What is the term for the action of taking someone's property with authority?

- Option: Unacceptable
- Option: Confiscation
- Option: Yields
- Option: Tariffs

10. What term refers to something given to make amends for loss or suffering?

- Option: Impact
- Option: Compensation
- Option: Pasteurization
- Option: Confiscation

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. After the incident an _____ was assigned to examine the causes of the capsizing.
12. The level of negligence displayed by the crew was deemed _____ by the authorities.
13. The report _____ the need for better safety protocols on vessels.
14. The investment in maritime technology _____ positive results for the shipping industry.
15. Increased training and preparedness build _____ among sailors facing challenging conditions.
16. The harsh weather had a significant _____ on the vessel's stability.



17. Crew dissatisfaction led to a period of _____ on board the ship.
18. The new regulations imposed higher _____ on imported goods.
19. The outbreak of illness was effectively _____ through quarantine procedures.
20. The accused crew members faced a trial to ensure _____ was served.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The large ship was a crucial mode of transportation for cargo across the ocean.
22. The collision between two ships was recorded as a serious maritime .
23. The naval forces engaged in intense with the pirates to protect the merchant vessels.
24. The new safety protocols were to prevent future accidents.
25. Efforts to the cargo handling process led to significant time savings.
26. The captain the importance of checking the vessel's stability before departure.
27. Strong formed among the crew members during their time at sea.
28. The new navigation system better accuracy in determining the ship's position.
29. The company paid substantial to the affected families as a gesture of goodwill.
30. Navigating through the storm presented one of the greatest the crew had faced.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Capsize 2. Recovery 3. Rescue 4. Capacity 5. Combat 6. Restrictions 7. Outbreak
8. Challenges 9. Confiscation 10. Compensation

Gap-Fill: 11. Investigator 12. Unacceptable 13. Emphasized 14. Yields 15. Confidence 16. Impact 17. Unrest
18. Tariffs 19. Cured 20. Justice

Matching sentence: 1. Vessel 2. Incident 3. Combat 4. Introduce 5. Streamline 6. Emphasized 7. Bonds 8.
Yields 9. Restitution 10. Challenges

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