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[Captain Robin Walbridge, KD4OHZ, Sends Winlink Message -- Saves 14 Crew of](#)



[HMS Bounty](#)

On Monday morning, October 29, the tall ship HMS Bounty was in the embrace of Hurricane Sandy 90 miles off Hatteras, NC and taking on water. According to Doug Faunt, N6TQS, survivor and ship's electrician, the Bounty crew tried various methods to call for help, including a satellite phone, "... we got nothing when tried calling out on HF. We tried calling the Maritime Mobile Net, but nothing was out there. **We had Winlink on the ship that we used for e-mail and accessing the Internet to post to blogs and to Facebook, and we finally found an e-mail address for the Coast Guard. As a last-ditch effort, we used Winlink to e-mail the Coast Guard for help. Within an hour, we heard a C-130 plane, and later, a helicopter overhead.**" According to Faunt, it was Captain Robin Walbridge, KD4OHZ, as master of the ship, who sent out the distress messages. The US Coast Guard has suspended its search for Robin Walbridge, 63, the missing captain of the replica tall ship HMS Bounty.