

THE CAPTAIN STOOD ON THE BURNING DECK: MARGARET THEW

Captain Hook had to take off his heavy jacket with its epaulettes with gold buttons on them and 3 gold braided stripes on his shoulders to show his rank. He pounded the burning deck along with his shipmates who did the same with their coats to put out the fire. It was a cold wintery day, but the fire was all around him. He ordered one of the sailors to go and investigate where the fire was coming from down below. When the mate came back to the captain, he said that the ships galley was alight, and the fire was raging all around down below with smoke billowing out the hatch.

Water appeared to be rising from the bilge and there seemed to be a hole in the side of the ship. This must have been caused by the captain leaving his post steering the ship and it must have hit a rock. There was mayhem everywhere. The galleon was manoeuvring itself up and down over the wintery white wave caps trying to steer a course.

Captain Hook remembered his precious grandfather's fob watch was down below in his cabin. With no hesitation, he bellowed at the crew to let the safety raft down over the side of the ship and get in it. He took off his dirty white shirt and ran towards the hatch cover with a handkerchief over his face. He went down to his cabin wading in the rising water, opened his cabin door and quickly saved his grandfather's fob watch and chain from the side drawer and ran upstairs to get into the safety of the tender boat which was alongside.

Bob was in a big sweat when the nurses woke him up. Bob had had a small operation on an ingrowing toenail but couldn't stand being awake with someone prodding around his feet. He opted for a suggestion from the podiatrist that he could have it done under a full anaesthetic.

On the trip home with his whole foot bandaged, his wife asked what his experience was like. He then started to explain about the dream he had had and couldn't understand why his wife had a smirk on her face. She said, 'I think you've been watching too many movies on TV.'