

Titanic was a passenger liner that struck an iceberg on her maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York City, land sank on 15 April 1912, resulting in the deaths of 1,517 people in one of the deadliest peacetime maritime disasters in history.

- owned by White Star Line, a prominent British shipping company on that time
- designed by experienced engineers, using some of the most advanced technologies and extensive safety features of the time
- intended to be the largest, most luxurious ships ever to sail.
- there was a telephone system, a lending library and a large barber shop on the ship. The First-class section had a swimming pool, a gymnasium, squash court, Turkish bath, Electric bath and a Verandah Cafe.

 On the maiden voyage of Titanic some of the most prominent people of the day were travelling in first class. Among them were millionaire John Jacob Astor IV and his wife Madeleine, industrialist Benjamin Guggenheim, Macy's owner Isidor Straus and his wife a, Denver millionairess Margaret "Molly" Brown (known afterward as the "Unsinkable Molly Brown" due to her efforts in helping other passengers while the ship sank), George Dunton Widener, his wife Eleanor, and son Harry, journalist William Thomas Stead, the Countess of Rothes, United States presidential aide Archibald Butt, author and socialite Helen Churchill Candee, author Jacques Futrelle and his wife May and their friends, Broadway producers Henry and Rene Harris and silent film actress Dorothy Gibson among others.

- On the night of Sunday, 14 April 1912, the moon was not visible in the clear sky (being two days before new moon), the temperature had dropped to near freezing, and the ocean was flat calm.
- There were more than 2 messages warning the crew about ce, but they failed to reach the bridge.
- After the triple bell signal the panic began

The ship made its fatal co an estimated 37 sec ne iceberg scraped th starboard (right) side, bucklin hull in several places and po out rivets below the waterline length of 299 feet (90 m)

- For her maiden voyage, Titanic carried a total of 20 lifeboats of three different varieties:[30]
- Lifeboats 1 and 2: emergency wooden cutters: 25 ft (7.62 m) 2 in long by 7 ft (2.13 m) 2 in wide by 3 ft (0.91 m) 2 in deep; capacity 326.6 cubic feet (9.25 m3) or 40 people.[30]
- Lifeboats 3 to 16: wooden lifeboats: 30' long by 9'1" wide by 4' deep; capacity 655.2 cubic feet (18.55 m3) or 65 people: [30]
- Lifeboats A, B, C and D: Englehardt "collapsible" lifeboats: 27'5" long by 8' wide by 3' deep; capacity 376.6 cubic feet (10.66 m3) or 47 people.

- The first lifeboat launched was Lifeboat 7 on the starboard side with 28 people on board out of a capacity of 65.
- Lifeboat 6 and Lifeboat 5 were launched ten minutes later.
- Lifeboat 1 was the fifth lifeboat to be launched with 12 people.
- Lifeboat 11 was overloaded with 70 people.
- Collapsible D was the last lifeboat to be launched.

Titanic carried 20 lifeboats with a total capacity of 1,178 people. While not enough to hold all of the passengers and crew, though Titanic carried more boats than was required by the British Board of Trade Regulations. At the time, the number of lifeboats required was determined by a ship's gross register tonnage, rather than her passenger capacity.

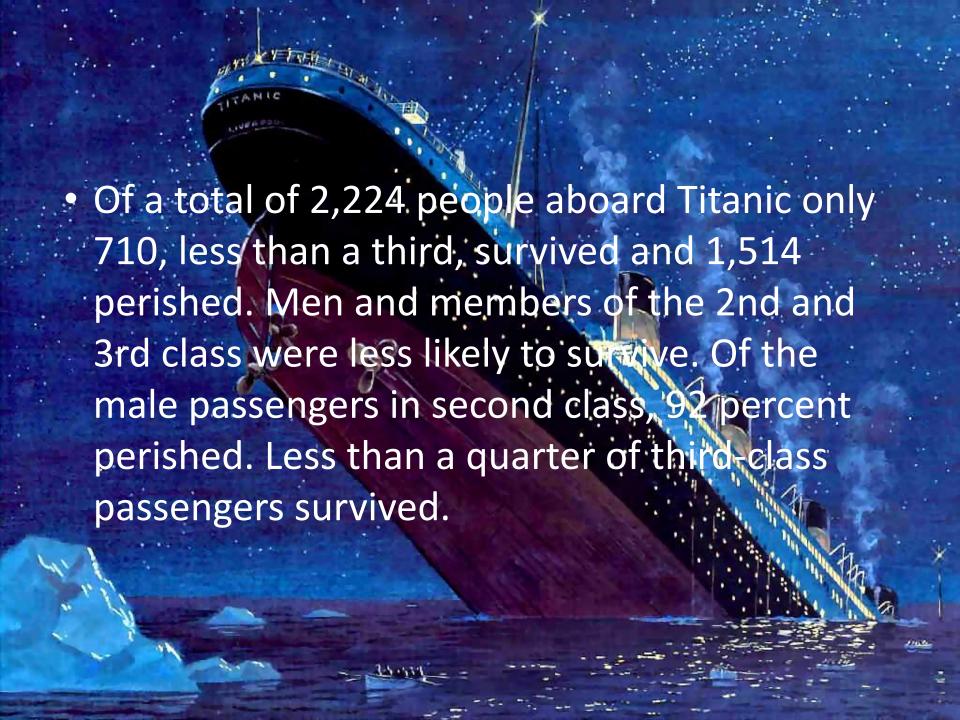
## The reasons for lifeboats to leave empty:

- The order "Ladies and children first" was understood by the crew in a peculiar way, they didn't allow male-passengers to enter the lifeboat, taking their place themselves.
- Passengers were reluctant to leave the apparent safety of the ship to board small lifeboats.
- Moreover, large numbers of Third Class passengers were unable to reach the lifeboat deck through unfamiliar parts of the ship and past barriers, although some stewards such as John Edward Hart and William Denton Cox successfully led groups from Third Class to the lifeboats.

Passenger Category	Number Aboard	Percentage Saved	Percentage Lost	Number Saved	Number Lost
Children, First Class	6	83%	17%	5	1
Children, Second Class	24	100%	0%	24	0
Children, Third Class	79	34%	66%	27	52
Men, Crew	885	22%	78%	192	693
Men, First Class	175	33%	67%	57	118
Men, Second Class	168	8%	92%	14	154
Men, Third Class	462	16%	84%	75	387
Women, Crew	23	87%	13%	20	3
Women, First Class	144	97%	3%	140	4
Women, Second Class	93	86%	14%	80	13
Women, Third Class	165	46%	54%	76	89
Total	2224	32%	68%	710	1514
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- It was ethical:
- It was ethical to keep to the women and children protocol
- It was ethical for the crew to think of the passengers and sacrificed their own lives
- It was ethical for men to give priority to the most desperate women and children
- It was not ethical:
- To keep the lifeboats going partially loaded
- It was cruel to leave passengers in third class, without distinction of age and gender, without access to the lifeboat deck.
- It was not ethical for passengers in first class to leave in the boats that had room for other passengers.
- It was not a moment for class and racial segregation.
- It was not ethical to see people die in the water.