

TIMELINE OF THE INCIDENT

Time ¹	Event	Source ²
10:31	EOOW reports to bridge - fuel leak PME; requests emergency declutch	E91 Bridge Tape
10:32	PIPE - SSFB to MCR for fuel leak PME	E91 Bridge Tape
Fire		
10:35	EOOW reports to bridge - "Fire in MCR"	E91 Bridge Tape
10:35	EOOW reports to bridge - "Fire in Engine Room"	E91 Bridge Tape
10:36	PIPE - Hands to Emergency Stations	E91 Bridge Tape
10:36	PIPE - SMET muster MCR via Aft Hydraulics	E91 Bridge Tape
10:36	Loss of gyros and radars	E91 Bridge Tape
10:38	Evacuation of MCR	E18 HQ1 Narrative
10:39	MEO recommends CO ₂ Drench to CO	E129 HQ1 Board
10:41	PO SMITH reported as casualty (not confirmed)	E16A OOW N/Book
10:46	WESTRALIA makes contact with FPA on VHF	E91 Bridge Tape
10:48	Valve 5 open (firemain de-isolated)	E129 HQ1 Board
10:49	PO SMITH unaccounted for, Hose Team for re-entry to search	E16A OOW N/Book

¹ Evidence on times in many cases is conflicting. The times noted are those the Board considers to be the most reliable.

² Source refers to source of time only, other sources have been used to clarify details of event.

Hose Team 1

10:50	Hose Team 1 entered MMS	E41 Aft DC Board
10:54	Ship reported closed up at Emergency Stations	E91 Bridge Tape
11:01	PIPE - CO₂ drench	E91 Bridge Tape
11:02	Hose Team 1 exits MMS	E41 Aft DC Board
11:08	CO ₂ Drench activated manually	E129 HQ1 Board
11:09	Hot spots port 1 Deck aft	E41 Aft DC Board
11:14	Aft Pump Room hot spot middle plates (foam)	E41 Aft DC Board
11:15	Smoke located Gyro Room	E129 HQ1 Board
11:17	Aft Pump Room paint blistering	E41 Aft DC Board
11:20	100 ppm CO ₂ [CO] on Bridge (GX82) (5 min on Bridge)	E18 HQ1 Narrative
11:24	Report of 3 casualties being treated and 3 casualties missing	E16A OOW N/Book

Hose Team 2

11:26	Hose Team 2 enters MMS via Fridge Flat (Aft DC)	E129 HQ1 Board
11:35	Middle/bottom level cooling Aft Pump Room	E41 Aft DC Board
11:43	RHIB STIRLING alongside (LEUT Stone and CPOMED Bonner)	E17A OOW N/Book
11:43	Sea King over deck for personnel transfer (LEUT Eggerling)	E17A OOW N/Book
11:47	Hose Team 2 exits MMS	E41 Aft DC Board

Hose Team 3

11:51	Hose Team 3 enters MMS	E41 Aft DC Board
11:53	Lombardini flashed up, foam through funnel	E129 HQ1 Board
12:05	Hose Team 3 going to middle plates	E129 HQ1 Board
12:05	LS Meek found on top plates	E129 HQ1 Board

Hose Team 1

12:10	Hose Team 1 enters MMS	E41 Aft DC Board
12:15	Hose Team 3 exits MMS	E18 HQ1 Narrative
12:15	Helo over deck	E17A OOW N/Book
12:18	SYDNEY, DARWIN, ADELAIDE visual starboard side	E17A OOW N/Book
12:20	Tug TAMMAR connected to fo'csle	E17A OOW N/Book
12:26	Helo over Deck	E17A OOW N/Book
12:28	Seahawk over Deck	E17A OOW N/Book
12:29	Casualty reported middle plates	E14 Aft DC Board
12:30	Nil hotspots Aft Pump Room	E129 HQ1 Board
12:32	Fire Reported Out	E41 Aft DC Board
12:34	Hose Team 1 exits MMS	E129 HQ1 Board

Hose Team 2

12:30	Hose Team 2 enters MMS	E236 Fwd DC Board
12:34	Hose Team 1 exits MMS	E129 HQ1 Board
12:40	DARWIN RHIB alongside	E17A OOW N/Book
12:50	Tow Line parted	E17A OOW N/Book
12:50	Medical Team enter MMS to identify casualties	E41 Aft DC Board
12:51	Sea King (STIRLING) overdeck 4-5 passengers (STG)	E17A OOW N/Book
12:52	SYDNEY RHIB alongside	E17A OOW N/Book

Hose Team 3

12:56	Hose Team 3 enters MMS	E41 Aft DC Board
12:58	Hose Team 2 exits MMS	E18 HQ1 Narrative
13:13	Seahawk (<i>sic</i>) over deck	E17A OOW N/Book
13:14	Tug connected forward (WAMBIRI)	E17A OOW N/Book
13:14	MMS smoke reported as 30%	E129 HQ1 Board
13:15	DARWIN RHIB alongside	E17A OOW N/Book

Hose Team 1

13:18	Hose Team 3 exits MMS, Hose Team 1 enters MMS	E236 Fwd DC Board
13:20	Sharkcat alongside - transfer 45 engineering personnel	E17A OOW N/Book
13:23	Submarine (COLLINS) in company	E17A OOW N/Book
13:25	Medical Team exits MMS	E41 Aft DC Board
13:25	Overhauling complete	E41 Aft DC Board
13:30	Cease boundary cooling	E18 HQ1 Narrative
13:30	10% smoke reported MMS	E41 Aft DC Board
13:32	DARWIN boat alongside	E17A OOW N/Book
13:35	Ramfan set up starboard side (1051 Aft DC)	E18 HQ1 Narrative
13:36	Hose Team 1 exits MMS	E41 Aft DC Board
13:43	5% smoke reported MMS	E41 Aft DC Board
13:44	Helo over deck	E17A OOW N/Book
13:55	0-5% smoke reported MMS	E41 Aft DC Board
13:59	2% smoke reported MMS	E18 HQ1 Narrative
14:10	Helo over Deck	E17A OOW N/Book
14:16	Medical Team enters MMS to cover casualties	E18 HQ Narrative
14:36	LEUT EWINGTON took the ship	E17A OOW N/Book
14:49	Ruptured firemain starboard side MMS	E18 HQ1 Narrative
14:53	Ruptured firemain in MMS isolated	E18 HQ1 Narrative
14:55	Power to internal phones lost	E18 HQ1 Narrative
14:56	STIRLING boat alongside - Port Manager embarked	E17B OOW N/Book
15:01	Drafts 9.2 Aft, 8.8 Mid, 8.0 Fwd	E17B OOW N/Book
15:04	LCDR JEMPSON, PWO N (Naval pilot) took ship	E17B OOW N/Book
15:15	Medical Team enters MMS for casualty extraction. One casualty (MIDN Pelly) moved from middle plates to top plates	E18 HQ1 Narrative
15:51	Medical Team enters MMS for casualty extraction. Two casualties (MIDN Pelly, LS Meek) moved to fridge flat	E18 HQ1 Narrative
16:17	Medical Team exits MMS	E18 HQ1 Narrative

16:42	Casualty extraction suspended awaiting MEO to confirm MMS O ₂ safe	E18 HQ1 Narrative
16:50	Emergency DA refuel to full	E18 HQ1 Narrative
17:02	Emergency forward fire pump being refuelled	E18 HQ1 Narrative
17:07	MMS O ₂ safe. MEO approval to recommence casualty extraction	E18 HQ1 Narrative
17:07	Medical Team enters MMS without OCCABA for casualty extraction	E18 HQ1 Narrative
17:21	Third casualty (PO Smith) moved from MMS to fridge flat	E18 HQ1 Narrative
17:34	Last casualty (AB Carroll) moved from MMS to fridge flat	E18 HQ1 Narrative
17:38	Medical Team exits MMS	E18 HQ1 Narrative
17:47	Cast off WAMBIRI	E17B OOW N/Book
17:50	Phones back on	E18 HQ1 Narrative
17:52	Connected up WAMBIRI port forward	E17B OOW N/Book
17:54	Tug connected	E17B OOW N/Book
18:11	First line passed (Parkes 2/3 STBD side 2)	E17B OOW N/Book
18:20	Personnel fallen out	E17B OOW N/Book
18:24	FWD and AFT DC bases secured	E18 HQ1 Narrative