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Calling All Boats: Untold Stories From The Maritime Evacuation Of September 11th



Synopsis

The fascinating and uplifting story of the mariners who put themselves in harm's way to evacuate stranded commuters from Manhattan after the towers fell on 9/11. On September 11, 2001, nearly half a million civilians caught in an act of war at the southern tip of Manhattan escaped when hundreds of mariners conducted a spontaneous rescue that became the largest waterborne evacuation in history. Rooted in eyewitness accounts and buoyed by contemporary and historical sources, *Calling All Boats: Untold Stories from the Maritime Evacuation of September 11th* offers a pointillist, minute-by-minute chronicle of the dramatic and risky improvised boatlift through the stories of the people saved that day and the mariners who saved them: operators of ferries, tugs, dinner boats, sailing yachts, and other vessels who lent their skills and equipment to serve as emergency responders. *Calling All Boats* breaks new ground in the historic understanding of September 11th, capturing the transformation of an age through astonishing acts of courage and compassion. It reveals how tragedy creates new, often unlikely, alliances, and brings to light the resourcefulness and resounding human goodness that rises up in the face of the darkest human evil. Written by a mariner who served at Ground Zero, *Calling All Boats* provides a breathtaking account of a little-known chapter in the most significant and devastating hours in recent American history.

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