



## Red Light to Starboard: Recalling the Exxon Valdez Disaster

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Washington State University Press. Paperback. Condition: New. 265 pages. Dimensions: 8.8in. x 6.0in. x 0.7in. Minutes before supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef, before rocks ripped a huge hole in her hull and a geyser of crude oil darkened the pristine waters of Prince William Sound, the ship's lookout burst through the chart room door. That light, sir, it's still on the starboard side. It should be to port, sir. Her frantic words were merely the last in a litany of futile warnings. A parade of promises began the next day. Exxon Shipping Company president Frank Lioy declared, If it is a claim that is associated with the spill, we've assumed full financial responsibility. A week later, Alaska Governor Steve Cowper spoke at the Valdez Civic Center. We don't want anybody to think that they have to hire a lawyer and go into federal court and sue the largest corporation in America. . . The state of Alaska represents you. And we want to be sure that. . . people who are damaged by this, get compensated fairly and quickly. He also indicated that the state would see to it Prince William Sound was cleaned up, regardless of the cost. Eight...

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