

Rogue wave rips 49-foot sailboat apart

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ORLANDO, Fla. - Three men were rescued off the coast of Florida after a rogue wave tore apart their 49-foot sailboat.

Everette Sezler, John Fisher and Doug Plowden were in the water more than 30 hours after their boat sank during a trip from Port Canaveral to the Bahamas, reported television station WKMG in Orlando, Fla.

"We took a dip and the bow dove," Plowden told WKMG. "It was incredible. I've never seen a boat come apart that quickly in my whole life."

A friend reported them missing when they failed to show up in the Bahamas. The U.S. Coast Guard found the men on Sunday night about 60 miles off the coast of Port Canaveral by spotting rescue flares, WKMG said.

The men were reported exhausted but not seriously injured.

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