

# - GARRETT BURGER

I ARRIVED AT ZEPHYR COVE RESORT AT 0600 TO START MY WORK DAY. THE WHOLE CREW AND I MET IN THE OFFICE AT 0605 TO DISCUSS SAFETY TOPICS AND EVERYONES TASK FOR THE DAY. THE SAFETY TOPICS WE SPOKE ABOUT WERE FALL PROTECTION, PPE, & HOTWORK I BELIEVE. MY TASKS FOR THE DAY WAS TO FINISH WELDING OUT THE REST OF THE SEAM LINES ON THE HURRICANE DECK THAT WERE MARKED AND TO PUT IN THE REST OF THE CROSS BRACING UNDERNEATH THE NEW PLATE BETWEEN THE LONGITUDINAL STIFENERS. AFTER WE HAD OUR MORNING MEETING I THEN WALKED OUT TO THE TAHOE QUEEN TO START SETTING UP TO WORK AROUND 0615. I WALKED STRAIGHT UP TO THE HURRICANE DECK UNLOCKED OUR KNACK BOX STARTED PULLING OUT ALL THE TOOLS AND GEAR I WOULD NEED FOR THE DAY AS IN SUITCASE WELDER, GRINDER, EXTENSION CORD, WELDING LEADS, WELDING HOOD & JACKET, & ALL PPE REQUIRED. I THEN SET EVERYTHING UP IN THE PLACE I WAS FIRST GOING TO START WORKING. WHICH WAS PORT SIDE OF HURRICANE DECK NEXT TO THE BAR ON THE SEAM LINE RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE BAR. THEN I GO TO CHECK OIL IN THE WELDER NOTICED IT WAS A LITTLE LOW SO I ADDED OIL AND FUEL. AFTER EVERYTHING WAS SET UP READY TO GO I WALK DOWN STAIRS TO MAKE SURE ALL FIRE BLANKETS WERE SET UP WHERE I NEEDED THEM. I REARRANGED THEM A BIT TO GET IT HOW I WANTED THEM TO COVER MORE AREA.

THEN I WALKED BACK UP TO THE HURRICANE DECK FIRED UP THE WELDER TO GET TO WORK, I FIRST STARTED GRINDING THE SEEM AT APPROXIMATELY 0705, STARTED WELDING FROM ABOUT 0715 TO 0730. AT THAT TIME IM MIDWELD WHEN I GET A TAP ON MY SHOULDER BY THE PAINTER LADY TELLING ME THERE IS SMOKE COMING FROM THE SECOND DECK (TEXAS DECK), I THROW MY GEAR OFF SPRINT ACROSS THE DECK TO THE STARBOARD SIDE RUN DOWN THE STAIRS AND SEE THE WHOLE TEXAS DECK IN FLAMES, I TAKE A DEEP BREATH RUN THROUGH THE SMOKE TO GRAB A FIRE EXTINGUISHER TO TRY AND DO WHAT I CAN TO PUT THE FIRE OUT, AFTER A FEW MINUTES OF ATTEMPTING THE FIRE AND SMOKE WAS GETTING WAY WORSE, SO I HAD TO GET OUT OF THERE ~~TO~~ TO SAVE MYSELF FROM GETTING SERIOUSLY INJURED, I RAN BACK UP TO THE TOP DECK ~~RAN~~ TO THE BOW TO JUMP DOWN TO THE DECK BELOW, THE REST OF THE CREW IS ALREADY GRABBING FIRE HOSE AND OUR 3" TRASH PUMP TO FIGHT IT AS MUCH AS WE COULD, SO I GRAB THE TRASH PUMP HOSE RUN BACK UP THE STAIRS AND START DUMPING AS MUCH WATER AS POSSIBLE ALL THE WAY UP TILL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOWED UP, THEN WAS ASKED TO EVALUATE THE BOAT SO WE ALL GOT OFF SAFELY.

