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## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Investigation of:

CAPSIZE AND SINKING OF STRETCH DUCK 7 \*

ON TABLE ROCK LAKE, BRANSON, MISSOURI, \* Accident No.: DCA18MM028 JULY 19, 2018

Interview of: CHRISTOPHER WOMACK

Showboat Branson Belle Facilities Branson, Missouri

Saturday, July 21, 2018

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BRIAN DECKARD Ride the Ducks

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3	MR. MUISE: This is Marcel Muise with the National
4	Transportation Safety Board and it is July 21st. We're in
5	Branson, Missouri to investigate the incident involving the
6	Stretch Duck 7. And we're interviewing the senior deckhand at
7	this time.
8	Chris, can you just tell us your name, and spell it for the
9	record?
10	MR. WOMACK: My name is Christopher Womack, W-o-m-a-c-k. I'm
11	the Senior Deckhand on the Showboat Branson Belle.
12	MR. MUISE: Okay. We'll go around the room, just so the
13	transcriptionist can recognize your voice.
14	SGT. My name is That's ,
15	just like the color, with the Missouri State Highway Patrol,
16	Marine Division.
17	LT. Lieutenant with the Water
18	Patrol Division,
19	SGT. Sergeant with the Missouri
20	State Highway Patrol, Division of Drug and Crime Control, last
21	name .
22	MR. DECKARD: Brian Deckard, Ride the Ducks.
23	CWO U.S. Coast
24	Guard Marine Inspector.
25	INTERVIEW OF CHRISTOPHER WOMACK

# BY MR. MUISE:

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- Q. So, Christ, just in your own words, can you just tell us what you saw, what happened, what you heard?
- you saw, what happened, what you heard?

  4 A. Well, I guess I'll start where, on the first call. There was
- 5 a call that came over the radio that the weather kicked up, and
- 6 they wanted someone up in the pilothouse. We have someone up at
- 7 the pilothouse, sometime, but it was not a senior deckhand, it was
- 8 just a regular deckhand monitoring the alarms. So, I ran up to
- 9 the pilothouse. A call had gone up on my way up to get propulsion
- 10 up on the showboat. Cory West got propulsion up, and when I got
- 11 up there, I brought propulsion -- took control of propulsion up at
- 12 | the pilothouse. Just as I got that done,
- 13 Jacob Stroub, Captain Jacob Stroub, came in the pilothouse and
- 14 headed out to the wing station.
- Because of the high winds, the showboat had been pushed
- 16 forward, and our boarding ramp was not pinned against our pillar
- 17 by our boarding door. I headed down to the boarding side of the
- 18 boat, port side. And Jake had taken -- was out on wing station,
- 19 | had put the wheels in full reverse, and to get the boat to move
- 20 | backwards. We got it to move back just enough to lift the bridge.
- 21 We got the bridge lifted. He said he was going all stop. I
- 22 started securing some of our utilities that were attached to the
- 23 boat. We still had water hooked up and sewage hooked up to the
- 24 boat.
- I got the water line disconnected and put away when the call

came over the radio that the duck had gone under, a duck had gone under, and there were people in the water.

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We headed to the rescue boat to launch the rescue boat, me, Cory, I believe it was Kevin Lamb was with us. As we got the rescue boat swung over and heading into the water, as it touched the water, about a 5-foot wave went over the top of the rescue boat, filling it with water, and it was going down, the stern.

We -- I reversed the winch and brought it back up out of the water, but it had gotten pinned under the boat, showboat, and pinned the boat, stairs, ladders going down. And the other guys had left ahead for the north end of the barge.

I got the boat pinned there, and secure enough that it wasn't going to move. And that's when I headed to the north end of the barge.

Arriving at the north end of the barge, the first thing I saw was a body laying face down in the water floating. That's when I -- someone told me that there were people on the fan blades of the boat. I jumped on the fantail and tried to communicate with them, get them some vests. Some of the passengers had come onto the fantail at that point, and were securing the holding the fan, the paddle wheels in place, and they started climbing up the paddle wheels to get onto the fantail. There were three of them on there. A guest had climbed down also, to help them climb up.

I then switched over to the starboard paddle wheel.

Starboard paddle wheel had one person clinging on to it. She was

actually laying on the paddle board at the water level. She was not moving. So, one of our SAs, our Server Assistants,

Ginger Scruggins (ph.) climbed down to try to get her a vest.

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I had, somewhere along that way, I secured the paddle wheel, but I don't remember exactly when I did that. I just know I did it. I tied it off.

The guests had switched over to the starboard paddle wheel, were trying to roll it up to bring her up. Had to go untie the paddle wheel, at that point. And they rolled the paddle wheel up with her laying on the board, to get her, you know, with the fantail, they rolled her off onto the fantail, and then drug her over inside so she wouldn't fall back into the water, because there was, there's only, like, a 3-foot path there, if that much, to lay on.

At that point, we got, call came back over the radio to see if we could launch the rescue boat again, because the weather had passed. I ran to the rescue boat area. We got the rescue boat out from underneath the showboat, started draining the water out of it. That probably took us 10, 15 minutes to get all the water out of the rescue boat. Got the boat in the water, secure with quarter vests, and kept them in the boat, rescue boat, and they went out and started to look for people in the rescue boat.

I went back to the barge at that point, and at that point I was asked to start getting a count of our people and making sure everyone was accounted for.

- 1 Q. The, so, I started to count as you were rattling them off. I
- 2 | counted 4 on the fantail that came up that way?
- 3 A. 4 on the fantail. Yes.
- 4 Q. Do you know where -- how many came, like, the bow, or up onto
- 5 | that, up onto the tugboat?
- 6 A. I never made it to the tugboat. I was on the fantail most
- 7 | that time.
- 8 I did know, I know there was a body on the north end of the
- 9 barge was floating, and there were at least two bodies in the
- 10 moats, the paddle wheels.
- 11 Q. How about the rest of the boat? Did they pull anybody out of
- 12 | the water?
- 13 A. They didn't pull anybody out. They pulled a lot of debris
- 14 out of the water. Most of the debris we found came from them
- 15 | going out.
- 16 Q. What -- so you mentioned the radio, calls were coming in on
- 17 | the radio to go do this, go do that. What frequency is that? Is
- 18 that an internal --
- 19 A. It's an internal radio we use. I don't know what the
- 20 | frequency are. Marine crew operates on channel 1. There's like 6
- 21 different channels for various (indiscernible).
- 22 Q. Can you hear channel 16 or another VHF channel from those
- 23 radios?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Okay. The rescue boat, did -- the second time you got it

- 1 out, everything worked fine on it?
- 2 A. Everything -- it took a little while to start the motor on
- 3 | it, but about after the fifth pull it started.
- 4 Q. And how long have you been here?
- 5 A. This is my sixth year.
- 6 Q. Sixth year. Okay. So, you've done plenty of drills, is
- 7 | that -- with the boat? Okay. And your specific duties for man
- 8 overboard on your station bill?
- 9 A. When they said that there are people in the water, first
- 10 | thing came to mind was man overboard. And so that's why we headed
- 11 to the boat.
- 12 Q. So, your job is to go to the boat?
- 13 A. Um-hum.
- 14 Q. Do you run the davit, or are you --
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Life jackets. Did you see any of the passengers from the
- 17 duck with lifejackets on?
- 18 A. Nobody came on the boat with a lifejacket on none of the
- 19 survivors or the bodies we pulled up.
- 20  $\mathbb{Q}$ . How about the jackets that your crew threw to people?
- 21 A. I didn't see anybody with a vest on. Even the ones that we
- 22 | tried to give to people, they didn't put them on.
- 23 Q. Are your style lifejackets the same as the duck boats?
- 24 A. No. Ours are a plastic with foam in them. And theirs is
- 25 more of a rubber.

- 1 Q. But it's the same -- collar type?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. It is.
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Okay. How about life rings, did any of those get used?
- 6 A. I know at least one got used. And there was one missing from
- 7 second deck, also. I'm assuming it got thrown. But I don't know
- 8 who did it. I know one of my marine crew -- I didn't witness it,
- 9 but I did see one of my marine crew, or I did hear that one of my
- 10 marine crew was using the life ring with the rope on it on the, on
- 11 | the tugboat to throw to people and pull them in.
- 12 Q. The duck boat itself, did you see it operating?
- 13 A. When I went up to take control of propulsion, it was off the
- 14 starboard side forward of the boat.
- 15 Q. Have you ever ridden on that boat?
- 16 A. I've ridden on the ducks a couple times.
- 17 Q. Okay. So, can you estimate what the freeboard was that day?
- 18 That's the distance from the gull to the water.
- 19 A. Probably an arm length. That's just my experience being that
- 20 low, because you could stick your arm out the window and --
- 21 O. Sure.
- 22 A. -- stick, put your hand in the water.
- 23 Q. So, these boats also have, as most do, bilge pumps and
- 24 discharge points along the hull. Did you see water coming out of
- 25 any of those discharge points?

- 1 A. I did not see any water. I did notice that the curtains were
- 2 down.
- 3 Q. How about list? Was the boat listing at all when you saw it?
- 4 A. I didn't notice it when I was -- no. When I saw it, I did
- 5 | not see a list. It was moving into the wind, northbound, into the
- 6 | wind, into the, making forward progression.
- 7 Q. And the time you're talking about, where was the -- relative
- 8 to you, where was it?
- 9 A. I was in the pilothouse. It was off our forward starboard
- 10 side.
- 11 Q. How about trim? Was she down by the stern? Or down by the
- 12 bow?
- 13 A. No. She was running even.
- 14 Q. Even keel. Tell us a little bit about what went on on your
- 15 | boat, like, once you got people inside, the response.
- 16 A. I dealt with mostly on the barge cleanup afterwards. I never
- 17 | was really in the boat. Are -- you're talking about after the
- 18 recovery?
- 19 Q. Yeah. The response, first aid, that kind of stuff.
- 20 A. They moved all the people that we pulled out of the water
- 21 over to our loading dock, set up an area over there for treatment.
- 22 I never made it over that way. Like I said, I was mostly trying
- 23 to find my people and doing -- picking up stuff on the barge and
- 24 stuff. There was lots of napkins and clothes and stuff on the
- 25 barge.

- 1 Q. Let's back up a little bit. How about the water? What --
- 2 | can you describe what the weather was? Did it come in fast? Was
- 3 | it --
- 4 A. It came in fast. But we had known about the storm since the
- 5 first cruise that day, the noon cruise. We have our own radar,
- 6 our own computer and open, watching National Weather. So, we knew
- 7 | it was coming. We just weren't exactly sure when it would hit us.
- 8 We started boarding at 10 to 7, and it was sunny and calm. And by
- 9 7 o'clock, it had gotten dark, and the wind started picking up.
- 10 Q. When you say radar, do you mean your own ship's radar? Or
- 11 you were watching the weather radar from somewhere else?
- 12 A. We're using the National Weather Service radar. I know we
- 13 have our own surface radar for navigation.
- 14 Q. That's all I have.
- 15 MR. MUISE: Coast Guard, would you like to --
- 16 BY CWO
- 17 Q. So, when you went out to the stern, I guess, we counted four
- 18 people on the stern that were already -- from the crew of the
- 19 Branson. No? Do you know who those people were? Do you recall
- 20 their names?
- 21 A. Me and Kevin Lamb were out there. I'm hearing that others of
- 22 | us were out there, but I didn't see them out there. So, I think
- 23 we were out there two separate times, because most of the crew was
- 24 on the tightrope, pulling people on on the stiff arm. And then
- 25 after we got the survivors up, we moved, me and Keven moved to the

- 1 | rescue boat. And then, like I said, some more marine crew came
- 2 out there and started helping recover the bodies that were out
- 3 there. And I was already gone when that was going on.
- 4 Q. So, it was you, Kevin Lamb out on the stern of the Branson
- 5 | Belle --
- 6 A. Um-hum.
- 7 Q. -- and then do you recall who was out on the barge and the
- 8 Baby Belle and the arm?
- 9 A. I didn't -- at one point, Jake was with us at the rescue
- 10 boat. But he left shortly thereafter. It, that's -- Garrett was
- 11 at the rescue boat the second time, but I sent him to the bow,
- 12 because didn't need him there. And I knew they were bringing --
- 13 the stage was down, and I knew they had been pulling people up, so
- 14 I knew he could help with that.
- 15 Q. And then when you went to the rescue boat and began trying to
- 16 lower it, was the rescue ladder down?
- 17 A. We lower it as part of launching the boat. It's up in a
- 18 stored position. And then we just flip it down into the water.
- 19 Q. Okay. And then when you secured the rescue boat, did you
- 20 | leave the ladder --
- 21 A. Yes. I left the ladder down. Because it was being used to
- 22 keep the rescue boat pinned where it was.
- 23 Q. And then can you briefly describe why it was pinned
- 24 underneath the Belle?
- 25 A. The winds had spun it, and was pushing it on the cable, and

- 1 | it sprung forward, and the bow of the rescue boat had swung
- 2 | underneath the side of the boat, that first step there. Because
- 3 | there's -- the first step sticks out about 8 feet. And it's, that
- 4 | had swung out and pinned itself against the stairs. And then I
- 5 just made the winch tight so it would stay there.
- 6 Q. Do you know if anybody came up that rescue ladder?
- 7 A. Not that I know of.
- 8 Q. And then when you saw the ducks, you'd ridden the ducks, you
- 9 said, a couple of times, did you notice anything odd about the way
- 10 | it was sitting in the water, or --
- 11 A. Not when I saw it. I seen a video, but, and I can tell that
- 12 | it was in listing when the video ended. But that's the only thing
- 13 I noticed.
- 14 Q. And when, now when you say the duck, do you know which duck
- 15 you, which duck you were seeing?
- 16 A. When I was up in the pilothouse, I only saw one duck. But
- 17 | the pilothouse is up pretty high and center. So, the one I was
- 18 seeing was the not over by the island. Of course, the video, I
- 19 know that there were two ducks out there, and I never saw the
- 20 second one. So --
- 21 Q. So, when you saw the duck, when you first saw the duck, it
- 22 | was the one over by the island?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And that one appeared to be okay?
- 25 A. It appeared fine. It was heading into the wind, making

- 1 forward progression, but it seemed fine.
- 2 Q. And you mentioned you saw the curtains down. Was this the
- 3 | duck that had the curtain down?
- 4 A. Yes. Yeah.
- 5 Q. And then when you were in the -- you were in the wheelhouse,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. When the whole -- when it started. Yes.
- 8 Q. Did you receive any radio coms or anything with --
- 9 A. I didn't hear any radio coms. But I was only up there for
- 10 maybe 2 minutes, so, at most.
- 11 Q. Thank you.
- 12 CWO That's all I have.
- MR. MUISE: The State. The only thing I'd ask is that you
- 14 just state your name so that should, transcriptionist knows who's
- 15 talking.
- 16 SGT. My name is
- BY SGT.
- 18 Q. I just have a couple questions. I'm trying to figure out the
- 19 victims, where they ended up, and trying to figure out who they
- 20 were, and all of that. You said when you went back toward the
- 21 paddle wheel you saw three people in the paddle wheel. Is that
- 22 three people total?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Because there's two paddle wheels.
- 25 A. There's two paddle wheels.

- 1 Q. Like a port and a starboard.
- 2 A. In the port wheel there was three, and in the starboard wheel
- 3 there was one.
- 4 Q. So, we have four total in the paddle wheel?
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. Let me just write that down.
- 7 A. And then we had a fourth person, I guess, technically, we had
- 8 two people actually climb down in the paddle wheels to get the
- 9 people. One of them was a guest that was on the port side. And
- 10 then on the starboard side was one of our server assistants,
- 11 Janice (indiscernible).
- 12 Q. So, when we say four people in the paddle wheel, I'm talking
- 13 about people that came from the ducks --
- 14 A. From the duck.
- 15 Q. -- itself.
- 16 A. Yeah. Four people from the ducks --
- 17 Q. Right.
- 18 A. -- in the paddle wheels.
- 19 Q. And so, the two -- was there, like in the starboard paddle
- 20 | wheel, how many was in that?
- 21 A. In the starboard paddle wheel there was just one.
- 22 Q. But --
- 23 A. One duck person.
- 24 O. And was that a male or female?
- 25 A. That was a female.

- 1 Q. And were they white or black?
- 2 A. They were white.
- 3 Q. White. And they were alive?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And they were able to be rescued?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And then I assume they were taken into the, the theatre area
- 8 here?
- 9 A. Yeah. I believe so. I didn't, wasn't there when they did
- 10 that.
- 11 Q. And you said that was a female?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And how about on the port?
- 14 A. The port side, there was a white, a white lady, a black boy.
- 15 Q. How old was the black boy?
- 16 A. Eight or nine, somewhere in there, somewhere.
- 17 Q. Sure.
- 18 A. And then a, probably a teenage girl, I want to say.
- 19 O. White?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. So, that's the three total. You said that, earlier that
- 22 there was one that wasn't moving.
- 23 A. There was two bodies on, in, amongst the port paddle wheel.
- 24 Q. So, were they floating?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Were they face up of race down?
- 2 A. They were face down.
- 3 Q. And were those male or female?
- 4 A. That I don't know.
- 5 Q. Did you get a color, white or black?
- 6 A. The one that was on -- the first body I saw, which was on the
- 7 north end of the barge, was a black person. I don't know male or
- 8 female. And then the two in, amongst the paddle wheel, I'm not
- 9 sure.
- 10 Q. Do you know, those one that were floating, they're, do you
- 11 know whether, how they were taken out, or --
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. -- did you see them get taken out?
- 14 A. I've heard the story since then, but I don't know if it's, I
- 15 | didn't witness it. I heard that Jake, Captain Jake came back, and
- 16 then rolled the paddle wheels to push them out, and then someone
- 17 picked them up in a boat.
- 18 Q. Did you see any victims or swimmers on the starboard side of
- 19 the Branson Belle?
- 20 A. No. I never saw anybody on the starboard side. Both times I
- 21 was at the rescue boat I never saw vests or debris or people or
- 22 anything on the starboard side.
- 23 Q. And did you see other victims or swimmers that were near the
- 24 barge from the duck there?
- 25 A. There were a lot of our crew on the barge. There were guests

- 1 on the barge. But I don't remember seeing any survivors. But it
- 2 | was very chaotic. I was, I wasn't looking whether that's a
- 3 survivor, that's a, one of us. so --
- 4 Q. Right. Do you remember seeing any dead people on the barge?
- 5 A. No. The only dead person I saw, I saw a body, and I saw it
- 6 was on the bow. And that was towards the end. I believe that's
- 7 the one they pulled up through the stage on the front.
- 8 SGT. That's all I have.
- 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No questions.
- 10 MR. MUISE: No questions?
- Brian, do you have anything?
- 12 MR. DECKARD: Yeah. Just one.
- 13 BY MR. DECKARD:
- 14 Q. And you may -- I think you may have already answered this, a
- 15 | little bit. I want to get clarification. You said you were at
- 16 the, when the wind picked up, the weather started, do you know how
- 17 long it was from that time until you got the call that the, there
- 18 was people in the water, the duck went down? Approximate? I know
- 19 | it's kind of chaotic. I'm sorry to just --
- 20 A. From the time the winds hit until the time people were in the
- 21 water?
- 22 Q. Yes.
- 23 A. Three or 4 minutes, maybe 5. Not entirely sure. Because I
- 24 knew the weather was coming. But we had started boarding, and
- 25 part of my duties is to open up third deck and second deck once we

- 1 | actually let people in the theater. That's where I was. I
- 2 | happened to walk out and look outside and see the wind. And I
- 3 didn't even know the wind had picked up again. So, and then the
- 4 | call came.
- 5 Q. Thank you
- 6 BY MR. MUISE:
- 7 Q. Chris, I just have a couple other questions. Do you have a
- 8 | Coast Guard credential?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. You do not.
- 11 A. I have no -- I don't.
- 12 Q. There's , people went into the water from your vessel. Were
- 13 they crew? Or were they Good Samaritans?
- 14 A. The two that I know of from our crew was Corbin Hudson. He's
- 15 one of my marine crew members, a deckhand. And the other one was
- 16 David Griffin. He is a wait staff member. And they went in of
- 17 | their, they went in on their own from my understanding. Nobody
- 18 told them to go in.
- 19 Q. They're the only ones that you know of that went into the
- 20 water from --
- 21 A. Yes. I've -- part of our trauma thing we were doing, they
- 22 were, we were re-telling everyone's point of view. Apparently a
- 23 | quest went in also. But I -- one of our guests grabbed one of our
- 24 | vests and jumped in. That's the first I heard of that, just the
- 25 one.

- 1 Q. But you didn't see any of that?
- 2 A. No. I did not see any of that.
- 3 Q. Is there anything that went well from your point of view,
- 4 | like a piece of equipment that worked, that you were happy to
- 5 have, or some training that you've had that stood, out, or
- 6 procedure that went well that you'd like to share with us, that --
- 7 A. From what my crew's told me is that life ring with the rope
- 8 on it saved a lot of people. They were able to toss it to people
- 9 and pull them to the tugboat, or to the stiff arm to get them up
- 10 on solid surface.
- 11 Q. Where are those located on your boat?
- 12 A. We have one, it's located on the port side bow.
- 13 Q. And that one has a line on it.
- 14 A. Has a line on it.
- 15 Q. Does it have a light as well?
- 16 A. No. The one that has a light is up on fourth deck, has a
- 17 | light on it. And then we have seven others scattered around the
- 18 | boat that are just a ring.
- 19 Q. And do you know, do you have any pictures or video that you
- 20 can share with us?
- 21 A. I do not have any pictures or video.
- MR. MUISE: Anybody else have follow-up?
- 23 BY UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
- 24 Q. I just have one more follow-up. You said on the starboard
- 25 paddle wheel it had one person that wasn't moving? You said

- 1 someone had climbed down to give her a vest?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Was that person dead or --
- 4 A. No. She was alive. She just, she -- Jenna said she looked
- 5 | like she was pinned. She, like, got herself up on it, and, like,
- 6 was, had her ribs pinned against the rung of the wheel, and she
- 7 was just standing there, she wouldn't, she was holding on.
- 8 Q. So, this was one of those white females?
- 9 A. Yes. Yeah.
- 10 Q. Okay. And were they able to put the vest on her, or --
- 11 A. No, they, she was not. She -- they tried to put it over her
- 12 head, and she wouldn't move to let them do that, so --
- 13 Q. And so, after that, they were able to, she climbed up the
- 14 paddle wheel, or --
- 15 A. We rotated the wheel up so -- the paddle wheel, and she was,
- 16 the paddle wheel board was like this, they rotated it up so it was
- 17 | flat, and then rolled her on to the fantail.
- 18 CWO I've got one follow-up.
- 19 MR. MUISE: Sorry, just give your name just for the --
- 20 CWO U.S. Coast Guard.
- 21 BY CWO
- 22 Q. So, you guys had passengers onboard the Branson Belle?
- 23 A. Yes. We had started priority boarding. That's our people
- 24 | that we have, getting a fancy meal, basically, and they board a
- 25 little bit earlier that everyone else on the boat.

- Q. So, what are the normal operating procedures for when weather
- 2 comes in, and scheduled cruises are planned?
- 3 A. We normally take, we might change how they come onto the
- 4 | boat, some come north of the bow, a lot of them come through the
- 5 side door so they can continue straight onto the boat. If it gets
- 6 | really bad, like it did, we have them stop boarding, move people
- 7 | inside that were up on the landing, into the shops, and the people
- 8 on the boat go onto the boat. And from what I understand, that
- 9 actually happened that day. They actually stopped boarding at one
- 10 point, and moved people into the boat. And the, those up on land,
- 11 they went into the shops up on land.
- 12 Q. And then if it's decided based on weather that a cruise isn't
- 13 going to happen, what is --
- 14 A. What they -- the captain makes that call. They do an
- 15 | announcement. They have a recording announcement that due to
- 16 | weather, blah, blah, we're not going to stay out for your
- 17 | safety, that type thing. But then we still do the show and the
- 18 meal. And we just stay at dock.
- 19 Q. So, it's a dockside --
- 20 A. It's a dockside. Yeah.
- 21 CWO That's all I have.
- 22 MR. MUISE: Anything else you want to share with us?
- MR. WOMACK: Nothing I can think of.
- MR. MUISE: Okay. It's 11:36, and we're off the record.
- 25 (Whereupon, at 11:36 a.m., the interview was concluded.)

### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the attached proceeding before the

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: CAPSIZE AND SINKING OF STRETCH DUCK 7

ON TABLE ROCK LAKE, BRANSON, MISSOURI,

JULY 19, 2018

Interview of Christopher Womack

ACCIDENT NO.: DCA18MM028

PLACE: Branson, Missouri

DATE: July 21, 2018

was held according to the record, and that this is the original, complete, true and accurate transcript which has been transcribed to the best of my skill and ability.

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