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Interview of: GEORGE ANTHONY
OS, *Alnic MC*

On Board the *Alnic MC*

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(11:52 a.m.)

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3 CWO [REDACTED] It's the 28th August 2017, on board the *Alnic MC*,
4 conducting the OS interview. Start time is 11:52 local. This is
5 Chief Warrant Officer [REDACTED] with U.S. Coast Guard.

6 And would everybody, for the record, state your name and who
7 you're with?

8 MR. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] U.S. Coast Guard, INCOE.

9 LCDR [REDACTED] Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] [REDACTED] U.S. Coast
10 Guard, legal.

11 CAPT. NAKRA: Captain Kunal Nakra, TSIB, Singapore.

12 MR. BRADY: Vincent Brady, Flag State Liberia.

13 DET. SHIN: Edward Shin, detective (indiscernible), Singapore
14 (indiscernible).

15 MR. FARMER: Chris Farmer, Ince & Co., owner's legal
16 representative.

17 MR. WEIGEL: Alan Weigel, Blank Rome, New York, owner's legal
18 representative.

19 MR. ANTHONY: OS George Anthony, George Anthony
20 (indiscernible).

21 CWO [REDACTED] Okay. And could you also spell your name for us
22 please?

23 MR. ANTHONY: G-e-o-r-g-e, A-n-t-h-o-n-y.

24 CWO [REDACTED] Okay. Thank you, sir.

25 INTERVIEW OF GEORGE ANTHONY

1 BY CWO [REDACTED]

2 Q. So as you stated before, your position is OS?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Okay. And how long have you been an OS?

5 A. This is my first time, sir.

6 Q. First time. How many months, weeks have you held this
7 position?

8 A. Four months, sir, since I am work.

9 Q. Okay. And how much rest did you have before you took watch?

10 A. It's -- I rested whole day on Sunday, sir.

11 Q. So you had the whole day off?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Okay. And where was your location before the incident and
14 after the incident on board the vessel? Where were you?

15 A. Before the incident, sir, I was in the bridge when I on duty.
16 And before the incident, sir, I went down to my cabin because I am
17 feel unwell.

18 Q. Okay. Just in your own words, walk me through before and
19 after the incident. And I know you were in your cabin, but just
20 talk to when did you leave the bridge, approximate time, to -- up
21 to the collision and after the collision.

22 A. When I go to the bridge, sir, I started to the port side,
23 then later on I went to the starboard side. That's when that time
24 I saw -- I noticed there is a vessel in our starboard quarter.

25 Q. And what vessel did you notice on your starboard quarter?

1 A. By that time, sir, I can hardly notice if what kind it is.

2 Q. Okay. And what was that vessel -- how far off was it? Was
3 it parallel to you? Explain to me what that vessel was doing.

4 A. The vessel was in our starboard quarter, sir.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Starboard quarter.

7 Q. And it was just starboard quarter? Was it closing? Was it
8 falling behind you?

9 A. As I see it, sir, it's starboard quarter and it's only -- by
10 that time, it's only parallel, going parallel to us.

11 Q. Could you see any lights?

12 A. The side lights, sir.

13 Q. Side lights. And what side light would that be?

14 A. Red, sir.

15 Q. Okay. So did you notify anybody that this vessel was in the
16 vicinity?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Who did you notify?

19 A. I report it to chief officer, sir.

20 Q. So walk me through what the normal procedures -- you were
21 standing lookout, correct?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Okay. So tell me what your job is as a lookout?

24 A. As a lookout, sir, I will -- if ever I will notice something,
25 sir, especially when vessels are close to our vessel, I will

1 notify it, sir. I will notify the officer of the watch, sir.

2 Assist (indiscernible), sir.

3 Q. Now, is this any vessel you see? What specifics -- when do
4 you notify, hey, I see a vessel on the horizon or do -- report
5 distance, bearing; what do you report?

6 A. Of course, I will -- well, sir, for example, sir -- for
7 example, I will say, sir, that there is a vessel in our starboard
8 side. It's like starboard side, starboard quarter, depends on
9 where the position of the vessel, where it is.

10 Q. Okay. So you explain distance, position; that's it? Nothing
11 more?

12 A. That's what happen, sir, when I --

13 Q. Okay. All right. And what happens after you give that
14 report?

15 A. When I give it -- when I reported it to the chief officer,
16 sir, after a while, sir, I ask permission that can I excuse myself
17 because I feel unwell and I want to go to the toilet, sir.

18 Q. Okay. What time approximately did you leave the bridge?

19 A. I can't remember, sir.

20 Q. So, not talking about this specific incident, your job as a
21 lookout, when you're coming into port and you give a report to the
22 chief officer, do you hear something back?

23 A. Sir? Excuse me, sir?

24 Q. So you as a look out, right, steaming wherever, okay? You're
25 coming into whatever port. This is all hypothetical. I'm trying

1 to figure out what your job is and how you do your job.

2 So you see a vessel, you report the contact, the range, to
3 the chief officer?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Is there anything that comes back from the chief officer? Do
6 they acknowledge you? What happens?

7 A. Yes, sir. They acknowledge my report, sir.

8 Q. Okay. So they acknowledge your report --

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. -- and that's it?

11 A. Yeah, when I reported it, sir, they acknowledge me and they
12 will visually see it in the -- first they look at in the radar
13 again. Then we look it with the binoculars, sir.

14 Q. So when you're coming into port, what's the normal manning on
15 the bridge? How many people are on the bridge?

16 A. By that time, sir, I was only going by the time because
17 usually when come into port, I went to the -- I am assigned to
18 the, let's see, for that -- forward, sir.

19 Q. Okay. So you're assigned to the forward part of the bridge?

20 A. Yes, sir. Like --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No. I don't think he said bridge. He
22 means bridge coming into port. And I think you need to be more
23 specific because -- than just coming into port. I think I know
24 what you mean, but I don't think you're on the same page.

25 CWO [REDACTED] Okay.

1 BY CWO [REDACTED]

2 Q. So your job as a lookout, okay?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. I understand that you're assigned as a lookout.

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. What my question is, normally on the bridge, when you're up
7 there on the bridge, what is the normal amount of people on the
8 bridge when you are entering a port? Do you understand what I'm
9 saying?

10 A. I am entering the port, sir.

11 Q. Yes. So not necessarily this time, any time.

12 A. Any time.

13 Q. Any time, how many people are up on the bridge? What is the
14 bridge team?

15 A. The bridge team it consists of the -- yes, sir, the captain,
16 the officer of the watch, the helmsman, sir, and if ever -- a
17 pilot.

18 Q. Okay. So you have three people on the bridge and a pilot, if
19 you have a pilot?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Okay. So did anybody relieve you when you went down below --

22 A. When I went down there, so --

23 Q. -- to your cabin?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. So it was just the master and chief officer up on the bridge?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. That was it?

3 A. That was it, sir.

4 Q. So there was nobody else on the bridge except for the master
5 and chief officer?

6 A. And the helmsman, sir, of course.

7 Q. And the helmsman?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. So when you went below to your cabin, did you hear any
10 alarms, any sounds before the collision? Any remarks, anything
11 coming from the bridge over the intercom system to the crew from
12 the captain, hear anything at all?

13 A. I'm not so sure, sir.

14 Q. So you don't recall if you --

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. -- heard anything? Now if -- what would you expect to hear
17 if you were about ready to collide with a vessel?

18 A. There were alarms, sir. Yeah, there was alarm
19 (indiscernible).

20 Q. Is it normally -- if somebody leaves the bridge as a lookout,
21 do you normally get replaced with somebody or is there, hey, I'm
22 just going to go down use the restroom and then I'll be right
23 back? How does that normally work?

24 A. Normally work, sir?

25 Q. So if you -- if anybody on the bridge needs to use the

1 restroom, does somebody come relieve them so there's not a loss of
2 people on the bridge, the amount on the bridge, or you just depart
3 the bridge for a little bit?

4 A. Yeah, we depart, sir.

5 Q. Okay. So how long approximately were you gone from the
6 bridge?

7 A. Again, approximately be what time, sir, but it took a while,
8 sir. It took a while.

9 Q. Approximate?

10 A. I can't answer because I am still -- it took a while because,
11 you know --

12 Q. You had stomach problems?

13 A. By that time, sir, I feel unwell, sir, so I ask permission to
14 excuse myself.

15 Q. So after the collision was there any alarms, any directions
16 from the captain?

17 A. Sir, just alarm, sir, on PA that we muster, sir.

18 Q. So there -- can you repeat that again for me?

19 A. The alarm, sir, then the PA, public address, sir.

20 Q. Okay. And what alarm was sounded?

21 A. The general alarm, sir.

22 Q. And where did you muster?

23 A. In the muster station.

24 Q. And where is that at?

25 A. In the Deck B, sir.

1 Q. Deck B?

2 A. Deck B, sir.

3 Q. Where is Deck B?

4 A. The upper of this deck, sir.

5 Q. Okay. Can you be more specific? Because I'm not familiar
6 with that, so --

7 A. This deck, sir, is Deck A, then the next deck is the Deck B.

8 Q. Okay. And is that even with the bridge or -- Deck B, is that
9 at the bridge level?

10 A. No, sir. Bridge level, the Deck C, and then Deck B.

11 Q. After you mustered, what was the -- what was the tasking
12 after everybody mustered?

13 A. Go to the position, sir. For me, sir, I go -- we go to the
14 forward.

15 Q. Forward what?

16 A. Forward, sir, in the anchoring area, sir. There, sir --

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. -- to check everything, sir. To stand by there, sir.

19 Q. Okay. And when you got up to the forward anchor area, was
20 the navy ship -- could you see the navy ship?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. And where was it at?

23 A. By that time that I'm not -- by that time that we were
24 running to the forward, sir, I saw the navy, sir, but it still in
25 the -- it's in the forward, sir. But later on, sir, when we get

1 there, it slowly getting -- release itself, sir.

2 Q. So, to paraphrase you: When you were going up forward to the
3 anchor area, the navy ship was still on the bow, on the pointy --
4 on the point of the bow?

5 A. I'm not sure -- I'm not so sure it's in the point, sir. But
6 all I can see, sir, it's in this position, sir. Like this
7 position, sir.

8 Q. So it was basically forming a T?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Okay. So it's forming a T, and then when you got to the --
11 your station, it slowly came off to the --

12 A. Yes, sir. It slowly came off.

13 Q. Which side of the vessel?

14 A. Port side, sir.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. Just like that.

17 Q. Okay. And did you hear any loud hailer communication from
18 the Navy? Was there any alarms going off that you could hear?

19 A. I can't remember, sir. Again, I'm not so sure that, sir,
20 because what we did in the forward, sir, is of course we are
21 focusing about our vessel, sir. That's it, sir.

22 Q. Okay. What did you see at your station? Was there any
23 damage to the vessel?

24 A. In our vessel, sir?

25 Q. To your vessel, yes.

1 A. As we check it with our (indiscernible), sir, we review the
2 -- first, sir, we look at the -- our bow, sir. Then we check the
3 bow, then we saw that there's a little bit of it flatten the bow,
4 sir. Not -- it was not being -- it was not totally damage, but it
5 was only something that is flattened. The bow there -- in the
6 bow, the starboard side of the bow is flattened. And since we are
7 -- we check it, sir, we check everything either side, so when we
8 go the starboard side bow and, below the anchor area, and we see
9 that there is a damage.

10 Q. After -- and then you reported the damage to the bridge?

11 A. Yes, sir. The -- it's the bosun already and -- address, sir,
12 so I have no need to.

13 Q. What did you see after the collision? Everything -- because
14 you stated the navy vessel slid down the port side of the vessel,
15 correct?

16 A. Yes, sir. The navy vessel, sir, since it was -- they
17 released their selves in the vessel, in the -- being by our
18 forward, it slowly hitting in out port side, then that's it, sir.

19 Q. Did you feel the vessel shudder, your vessel come to an all
20 stop? Did you -- were you still making way?

21 A. Stop, sir. We are not making way, sir.

22 Q. Okay.

23 CWO [REDACTED] Anybody have follow-on questions?

24 MR. [REDACTED] I do.

25 BY MR. [REDACTED]

1 Q. I have a follow-up question for you. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with INCOE.
2 When you saw the navy vessel separate from your vessel --
3 A. Yes, sir.
4 Q. -- when she separated off, right?
5 A. Yes, sir.
6 Q. Did you see the two vessels come together or did you see the
7 stern of the navy vessel scrape across your vessel? Do you recall
8 that?
9 A. I just saw that it's forming letter T, something like T, sir.
10 This is our ship and this is the navy.
11 Q. Yeah.
12 A. It's like that, sir.
13 Q. Okay. So if this is your ship, right?
14 A. Yes, sir.
15 Q. Okay. And this is the navy ship. I'm using two pens to
16 simulate. Okay. And they were in -- like that, correct?
17 A. Something like that, sir.
18 Q. Okay. Something like that. All right. And when the navy
19 ship came off, did they do that?
20 A. No, sir.
21 Q. Okay. Did they do that?
22 A. As I recall it, sir --
23 Q. Go ahead. You show us.
24 A. As I recall it, sir -- and things happened so fast, sir.
25 Q. Sure. Yep.

- 1 A. It's like this, sir. Like this, sir.
- 2 Q. Like that?
- 3 A. Of course, sir, and they are making their selves also clear,
4 sir.
- 5 Q. Okay. Okay.
- 6 A. Then here, sir. Just like that, sir.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. Then I did not go, because already in the navy, sir, because
9 I ask -- I will assist as required in the forward, sir.
- 10 Q. Do you recall seeing anybody on the navy ship?
- 11 A. I don't recall, sir. I didn't focus already in that.
- 12 Q. Okay. Do you recall seeing any wheel wash behind the navy
13 ship? Propeller wash --
- 14 A. Propeller wash.
- 15 Q. -- from behind the navy ship? Did you see that?
- 16 A. I don't remember, sir.
- 17 Q. Do you remember hearing any engines or anything?
- 18 A. No, sir. I just saw -- I just only -- when I look at the
19 navy, sir, when it was really -- it's very visually --
- 20 Q. Yes.
- 21 A. -- sir, I just only see the hole, sir.
- 22 Q. That's it?
- 23 A. Uh-huh. That's it only.
- 24 Q. Okay. No smoke?
- 25 A. I didn't see smoke, sir. Because --

1 Q. No fire?

2 A. No fire, sir.

3 Q. Okay.

4 MR. [REDACTED] That's all I have. Thank you.

5 MR. ANTHONY: Thank you, sir.

6 BY CAPT. NAKRA:

7 Q. Just a few questions, George.

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. What time did you come on watch, you said? Do you remember
10 the time you came on watch?

11 A. It's around 4, sir.

12 Q. 4:00? Is that your normal duty to come on watch at 4:00, or
13 maybe this case you were called --

14 A. Only in that case, sir.

15 Q. Only in this case?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. So your normal shipboard routine is day work?

18 A. Day work, sir, day work.

19 Q. So, you came on watch at 4:00, and what time did you go down
20 from the bridge? How long were you on the bridge for?

21 A. I can't -- it took a while, sir. But then I can't remember,
22 sir.

23 Q. I know you were not feeling well on that day.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. But do you know there's a toilet on the bridge?

1 A. Yes, sir. I know that there's a toilet on the bridge, sir,
2 but for my personal, for -- sir, I hope you understand me, sir.

3 Q. No, no problem.

4 A. For personal sir, I think for myself, sir, I am very
5 comfortable if I --

6 Q. Okay. That's fine. There's nothing wrong with it. It's
7 absolutely fine. When you went down did you carry a walkie-talkie
8 with you, a radio?

9 A. No, sir. No, sir.

10 Q. Is there a phone in your cabin?

11 A. There's a phone, sir, telephone.

12 Q. When you're on the bridge performing the job of a lookout,
13 how do you -- what is your understanding of doing a lookout? Only
14 -- what do you do? Looking out, you already mentioned to [REDACTED]
15 just now, what do you do as a lookout? Do you look outside? Do
16 you look at the radar? How do you do a lookout?

17 A. When I see something, sir --

18 Q. Normally, yeah.

19 A. Normal, sir, when I see something, I will also, as much as
20 possible, sir, if there's space available in the radar, sir, I
21 will confirm it also, sir. Then also, of course, I record it.

22 Q. Okay. So you look -- you take a look at the radar also if
23 you have space there?

24 A. I will, sir.

25 Q. When you were down in your cabin did you hear any PA, alarms?

1 PA system, you said there was some announcement?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Can you help us recall what was that announcement about, what
4 did the announcement say or what did the captain say?

5 A. I will try to remember, sir. There is a collision, but --
6 something like that, sir. It's a collision and we must muster,
7 sir.

8 Q. Okay. And you also mentioned you heard the general alarm?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. What is the general alarm on the ship?

11 A. Seven short blasts, sir, and one long blast.

12 Q. So, you heard seven short blasts and one long?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 MR. [REDACTED] That's it. I don't have any more questions.

15 Thank you.

16 BY UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

17 Q. All right. I just have a couple questions if you don't mind.

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Could you describe what type of general maritime training you
20 have received?

21 A. Sir?

22 Q. Training, what type of training you've received?

23 A. Training, sir?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. In the Philippines?

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. I took safety applied vessel, sir. What else? Deck watch
3 training. We took, I mean, basic training for oil chemical
4 tanker. What else? Ship designated ship security, SDSC. That's
5 what we call it there in the Philippines. What else is that?
6 SDSC, deck watch, SOLAS. MARPOL, sir.

7 Q. And did you receive any type of specific training for this
8 job on board this ship?

9 A. Excuse me, sir?

10 Q. Did you receive any specific additional training for this job
11 on board this ship?

12 A. The BTOCT, sir, the basic training for oil and chemical
13 tanker.

14 Q. Okay. Did you receive any training -- lookout training or to
15 do the job of an OS, did you receive any specific training for
16 that?

17 A. Are you referring for, for example, sir, referring for
18 lookout trainings like that or an OS training, sir?

19 Q. Yes.

20 A. Since I was a first time?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. Okay. How about radar training, training on radar or --

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. -- or ECDIS or anything like that?

1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. Okay. You said that your job as a lookout is to notify the
3 officer of the watch when other vessels get too close; is that
4 correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How close is too close?

7 A. Close that you can see the (indiscernible), sir. That, I
8 cannot tell that -- not that close that I can tell what already,
9 what kind of ship is that, sir. Just I see the light, sir.

10 Q. Okay. And at this point did you notify the chief officer as
11 soon as you believed it got to this point?

12 A. Yes, sir. As soon as I saw the vessel in our starboard
13 quarter, sir, I check and then I reported it to him.

14 Q. Okay. Was there something that made you feel alarmed with
15 respect to this specific ship or these circumstances or just that
16 you saw it in the starboard port?

17 A. Yes, sir. Just when I saw it, sir.

18 Q. Okay.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just talking about this vessel you
20 saw, could you tell what kind of ship it was you saw or just saw a
21 red light?

22 MR. ANTHONY: I -- by that time, sir, I can hardly tell what
23 kind it is, sir. Yeah, it could be anything, sir.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You just noticed a vessel.

25 No further questions then.

1 BY CWO [REDACTED]

2 Q. Just to follow on with one of the statements. So you
3 received no training from the chief officer or the master about
4 how to stand a lookout?

5 A. No.

6 Q. No information from this vessel or company to how to be a
7 lookout?

8 A. Excuse me, sir. Can I go back to him, sir? What you
9 referring later, sir -- when you asked, sir, what you referring
10 the training in the Philippines before I on board or --

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I was asking about that and I was also
12 asking about any training specific to your position as a lookout
13 on board this ship?

14 MR. ANTHONY: When I -- what when I on board?

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: When you came on board this ship did
16 the company or did the vessel or did the captain or did any crew
17 member provide any additional training apart from what you
18 received in the Philippines?

19 MR. ANTHONY: No, sir.

20 CAPT. NAKRA: And he said also familiarization is part of the
21 (indiscernible) --

22 CWO [REDACTED] We're talking about specific -- he's in the
23 position of a lookout --

24 CAPT. NAKRA: I just (indiscernible), is a part of training?
25 Because isn't that part of training?

1 CWO [REDACTED] Well, familiarization --

2 CAPT. NAKRA: (Indiscernible)

3 CWO [REDACTED] Yeah. We're --

4 CAPT. NAKRA: (Indiscernible) have any --

5 CWO [REDACTED] We're talking about here is your job. He's new to
6 the OS. He did receive some training in the Philippines.

7 BY CWO [REDACTED]

8 Q. But when you came to the vessel did the master, did the chief
9 officer say: This is what we would like; this is what you should
10 do as a lookout; report a contact; this is how close we want it;
11 this is the format that we want it; how to look at the radar to
12 notify -- to identify a contact on the radar? That's the type of
13 stuff that we are looking for. Did you receive any of that?

14 A. Not that very specific, sir. But, of course, sir, there's
15 already a briefing you should do -- this is what you should do,
16 report to me if you saw this, that. Just that's normally what
17 they told me, sir, what to do. But that kind deep of specific
18 training, sir, that's like receiving certificates, just like --
19 no, sir.

20 Q. So your training in the Philippines, did they go over how to
21 stand lookouts, the proper way to stand a lookout, how to look at
22 a radar to identify a contact on the radar? Is that part of the
23 OS training in the Philippines when you get certificated?

24 A. It's not that -- it's totally part -- it's only part, sir.
25 Not, not -- it's -- there's -- for me, sir, for me as an OS, I

1 didn't have a specific training that, for example, a training that
2 focus on radar. I didn't have that, sir.

3 Q. Did you have a general view of radar? I know you don't have
4 a radar qualification, but did your training teach you how to look
5 at a radar, what a radar is, how to find and identify something on
6 the radar if it is in a certain area? Did that -- just generally
7 training, was that provided in the Philippines?

8 A. Generally training, sir.

9 Q. Just general training on radar, how to be an OS, how to stand
10 lookout, how to look at a radar to identify a target, was that
11 part of your training in the Philippines?

12 A. Just partly, sir. Just sort of giving us an overview.

13 Q. An overview of what your requirements might be?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Okay.

16 CAPT. NAKRA: [REDACTED] maybe how to rephrase the intent of the
17 question.

18 CWO [REDACTED] If you have a better way, please.

19 CAPT. NAKRA: I would. I would.

20 CWO [REDACTED] Yes.

21 BY CAPT. NAKRA:

22 Q. Based on what your training you received, do you think you
23 have enough knowledge to perform the function of a lookout based
24 on what you've learned?

25 A. What I've learned, sir?

1 Q. Are you able to convey the duty of a lookout to the officer,
2 whatever you -- that's the intent of the question. So do you
3 think the training that you received --

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. -- has it helped you to perform the job of a lookout?

6 A. Personally --

7 Q. Or is it not enough or more needs to be done? That's what I
8 think we're after (indiscernible).

9 A. Okay. I understand, sir. I believe, sir, that since I am
10 first time, sir, I believe that I don't have fully knowledge of
11 that, sir. So that I -- so that, no, that's why I'm only an extra
12 lookout, sir, extra lookout.

13 BY UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

14 Q. I have a question for you.

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. You're expected to notify the officer on the bridge if you
17 spot something? If you see another vessel, is that what you're
18 expected to do, to report it?

19 A. What do you mean, sir?

20 Q. Okay. Let's -- when you see a vessel, another vessel, right?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Is it your understanding that you are to report that, to let
23 someone on the bridge know?

24 A. In my -- yes, sir.

25 Q. Yes? Did you do that?

1 A. Yes, sir. I reported it, sir.

2 Q. Very good. Thank you.

3 BY CWO [REDACTED]

4 Q. At this time we have your qualifications, a hard copy of your
5 qualifications.

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. So there's a lot of questions amongst us. I'd like you to
8 take the time and refer to your certificates here so you can
9 refresh your memory --

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. -- if you have received some of that training. Okay?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. So I'll pass you these, and please look at that and see if
14 you've received competencies in what your job is.

15 Remember this is not a trying to place blame on you or
16 anything like that. We're simply trying to find out what
17 happened, its facts. Okay?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. So I know you're getting a little nervous --

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Relax. Okay. We are not here to -- we cannot do any -- we
22 cannot take actions on your license. Okay? So we're here
23 strictly for safety investigation. Okay?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And take your time reviewing those documents.

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Have you reviewed them and you feel comfortable?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Okay. All right. So by looking at those documents,
5 certificates that you have, have you received the appropriate
6 training to stand a lookout position?

7 A. To stand as a lookout position?

8 Q. As a lookout?

9 A. For me, sir, this one is --

10 Q. And this here is the ratings forming part of navigational
11 watch?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. So with that training that you received, and this is from VMA
14 Global College and VMA Training Center in the Philippines, that
15 gave you the information on how to identify contact, report it; is
16 that what you're saying?

17 A. Yes, sir. Also, in the answer it includes they give us --
18 they are giving overlook how to -- we do in the bridge, sir, duty
19 in the bridge. Like a verbal of the command, helmsman.

20 Q. Okay. And that's to Regulation 24 of the 1978 STCW
21 Convention, as amended, correct?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. That's what it says on there? Okay. And you received this
24 the 16th day of January 2014?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Okay. All right.

2 CWO [REDACTED] Everybody satisfied with that question?

3 (No response.)

4 CWO [REDACTED] Okay. All right. Any other follow-on questions?

5 CWO [REDACTED] I have one. I'm sorry. I have one --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If you guys are all done, I -- oh, I'm
7 sorry. Go ahead.

8 MR. [REDACTED] Just one.

9 BY CWO [REDACTED]

10 Q. Chief Warrant Officer [REDACTED] with the Coast Guard. Let me
11 borrow your pens again. So you stated that when the navy vessel
12 drifted away, you said that they were trying to make their way
13 away from the vessel as well.

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Was it drifting or were they making way?

16 A. As far as I remember, sir -- as far as I remember, sir, I
17 cannot say it's drifting, sir, and I cannot say it's making its
18 way, sir. I'm not so sure, sir. I will not say it's drifting and
19 I will not say it's making its way, sir.

20 I just saw that it's -- there's already a space, sir.

21 They're released, sir, just so, just that they can -- the contact
22 was there to have space of the contact between the two vessels.

23 Q. Were you by yourself or were you with another person?

24 A. When?

25 Q. Running up to the bow.

1 A. When we were on the bow, sir?

2 Q. Yeah. When you were heading to the bow, when you observed
3 this, were you with another person?

4 A. Sir, when I saw this, sir, I'm not already there in the --
5 I'm not already there in the bow, sir, in the forward, sir. We
6 were coming -- sir, we were coming to forward.

7 Q. Who was with you?

8 A. With the bosun, sir.

9 Q. You were with the bosun?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Okay. All right that's all, that's all I have.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, I have -- if everybody else is
13 done, I have one quick follow-up.

14 BY UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

15 Q. George, when you were -- at the time you left the bridge --

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. -- Mr. [REDACTED] asked you who was left on the bridge. So just
18 before you felt ill and you went below --

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. -- it was -- on the bridge it was you, the captain, chief
21 officer, and the AB, correct?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Okay. And when you left the bridge, the people who were left
24 on the bridge was you, the captain, and the AB, correct?

25 A. Excuse me, sir --

1 Q. When you left the bridge --

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. -- the people who you left behind --

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. -- was the captain ---

6 A. Captain.

7 Q. -- chief officer -- the chief officer was there, right?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And the AB, right?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Okay. Now you said the helmsman. The AB was assigned as the
12 helmsman, right?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. But he wasn't actually standing watch as the helmsman because
15 it was in autopilot, right?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay. So was he also acting as a lookout?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I have no more questions.

20 CWO [REDACTED] Any (indiscernible)?

21 Okay. This will conclude our interview, George.

22 MR. ANTHONY: Yes, sir.

23 CWO [REDACTED] Thank you for your cooperation the time is 12:34.

24 Thank you.

25 (Whereupon, at 12:34 p.m., the interview was concluded.)

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