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Monday,
November 3, 2003

INTERVIEW OF:

DOROTHY JULIAN

PRESENT:

MORGAN J. TURRELL, Investigator, NTSB

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MR. TURRELL: Good morning. It is November 3,
3 at seven o'clock in the morning. We are in the offices
4 of James McCanty. We are conducting interviews of the
5 owner and crew of the Dorothy J. And I will go around
6 the room. My name is Morgan Turrell, Group Chairman,
7 Operations, NTSB.

8 MR. CONCE: Charles Conce, Coast Guard
9 Investigations, New York.

10 MS. DEOS: Christine Deos, -- Coast Guard
11 Investigative Service.

12 MR. MCCANTY: And Jim McCanty, Dorothy
13 Julian's representative.

14 MS. JULIAN: Dorothy Julian --

15 MR. TURRELL: And Dorothy, do you acknowledge
16 this is being recorded for accuracy?

17 MS. JULIAN: Yes, I do.

18 MR. TURRELL: Okay. Thank you.

19 Dorothy, would you please relate to us how
20 long you have owned the tug, Dorothy J.

21 MS. JULIAN: I purchased the tug, Dorothy J in
22 December of 1999.

23 MR. TURRELL: And can you please tell us some
24 details about the tug?

25 MS. JULIAN: She is twin crews, steel hull,

1 model bound, she has got 16 C 92s, which is equivalent
2 to 1400 horsepower. Pretty much shallow track, depth 10
3 foot max, seven and a half lights.

4 MR. TURRELL: Okay. And what type of work does
5 the Dorothy J perform?

6 MS. JULIAN: Pretty much anything in the
7 harbor. On this particular day, I was shifting oil
8 barges down at the ferry maintenance facility.

9 MR. TURRELL: Okay. And who was working on the
10 boat that day?

11 MS. JULIAN: Captain Mark Kramer was the
12 captain.

13 MR. TURRELL: Okay.

14 MS. JULIAN: The mate was Robert Seckers. The
15 engineer was Michael Druda.

16 MR. TURRELL: Could you please spell that?

17 MS. JULIAN: D-R-U-D-A.

18 MR. TURRELL: Okay.

19 MS. JULIAN: And the deck hand was Paul
20 Secker.

21 MR. TURRELL: And on October 15, where was the
22 Dorothy J around 3:00 p.m?

23 MS. JULIAN: We were in ferry maintenance
24 facility slip, I believe the south side of the pier.

25 MR. TURRELL: Okay. And what was the vessel

1 during there at the time?

2 MS. JULIAN: She was dead ship on standby
3 status.

4 MR. TURRELL: Okay. What type of
5 communications normally does that vessel maintain while
6 she is in dead ship status?

7 MS. JULIAN: Are you --

8 MR. TURRELL: Of the vessel, what frequencies
9 monitor, cell phones?

10 MS. JULIAN: We maintain watch constantly.
11 And my personal communications with the boat is via
12 Nextel.

13 MR. TURRELL: Okay.

14 MS. JULIAN: Or cell phone.

15 MR. TURRELL: And VHF frequencies that they
16 were monitoring that day?

17 MS. JULIAN: Fifteen, 16.

18 MR. TURRELL: Okay. And routinely in a dead
19 ship status, who, who on your crew would be standing by
20 normally, what is their location?

21 MS. JULIAN: The mate, well, depending on the
22 time of day, it was the mate's watch. So, the mate was
23 on duty.

24 MR. TURRELL: And what shift, what type of
25 shift rotation do they have?

1 MS. JULIAN: Captain's watch is 6 to 12.

2 MR. TURRELL: Okay.

3 MS. JULIAN: And, 12 to 6, mate.

4 MR. TURRELL: Twelve to six.

5 MS. JULIAN: Yes.

6 MR. TURRELL: Okay. Dorothy, from your direct
7 knowledge, what happened that day from what the crew
8 told you, you know?

9 MR. MCCANTY: Let me just, we discussed this
10 before the interview and what Dorothy knows would be,
11 you know, relayed to her by the crew and --

12 MR. TURRELL: Okay. Okay. We don't want that.
13 We just want --

14 MR. MCCANTY: She wasn't on the boat that day,
15 so I think it would be unfair to ask her, you know, you
16 have the eyewitnesses here, I think, it is time to move
17 onto them.

18 MR. TURRELL: Sure.

19 MR. MCCANTY: I prefer to do that.

20 MR. TURRELL: Sure. Is there anything you
21 would like to add?

22 MS. JULIAN: No.

23 MR. TURRELL: Okay. Great. I will open the
24 questions to Chuck?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't have any

1 questions. How do you spell your last name?

2 MS. JULIAN: J-U-L-I-A-N.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

4 MR. TURRELL: Christine?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No questions.

6 MR. TURRELL: Okay. That concludes the
7 interview. Thank you very much.

8 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)