

Interview of William Greenwood  
Deckhand

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## **Interview Notes**

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### ***William Greenwood***

- 40 years old
- Deckhand at SIF 1.5 years
- Owned a “headboat” for 8 years
- Has a Merchant Mariners Document for 5 years now
- Currently a Bathroom Attendant on the Andrew J. Barberi since June 3, 2001
- Slept most of the day, ate at a restaurant—baked clams
- Reported to work at 1pm
- Specific duties aboard included Brooklyn side of Saloon Deck, open gates, keep deck area clean.
- Recalls it was very windy, nothing unusual
- When the ship was at “Robbins Reef” Greenwood moved forward to prepare to let people off at Staten Island.
- Noticed the ship was a little off course
- “We were south of where we normally go.”
- At the time of impact, fell down stairs, knee was sore
- Saw Deckhands Toliver and Selch directing people to move back
- Helped Mate Hyde assist passengers.
- Time seemed to slow down.
- Was on the Staten Island End, Brooklyn Side of Saloon Deck at impact.
- Greenwood wears a uniform shirt and dungarees.
- Officers wear epaulets.
- The ship has drills once a week.
- Was on this ship for 2 months
- The wind was howling, didn’t ever hear the ship slow down.
- The captains are very knowledgeable, friendly and fair
- Greenwood described himself as upset about Asst Captain Smith
- Views things as an accident
- Recalled some altercation between Mate Hyde and Deckhand Ennis on Main Deck Staten Island End around 1300.
- 72 Hour History—Sleeps late each day, has lunch, reports to work at 1300, goes to sleep late. Takes Blood Pressure Medication.