



NTSB Investigation No. DCA22FM022

Date of Accident: June 7, 2022

Accident Location: Elizabeth River near Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia

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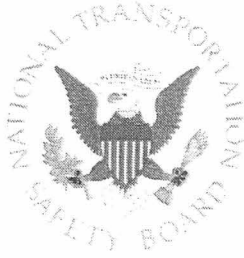
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[Redacted Signature] 5/1/23  
Signature Date

Stephen Hannay Marine Diesel Technician  
Name & Title

Bay Diesel  
Party Organization/Employer

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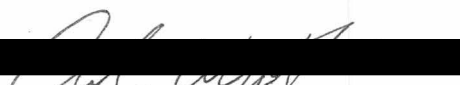
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Charles Wyatt Diesel Tech  
Name & Title

Bay Power Solutions  
Party Organization/Employer

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27 April 2023  
Date

SCOTT J. SMITH      Senior Vice President of Marine Ops  
Name & Title

Hornblower Corasp  
Party Organization/Employer

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04/26/2023  
Date

William A. Buelat, Jr.      Senior Director MIRT & Business Unit  
Name & Title

VA. Port Authority  
Party Organization/Employer

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# National Transportation Safety Board

Office of the Marine Safety

Washington, DC 20594



May 1, 2023

Mr. Stephen Hanna  
Marine Diesel Technician  
Bay Diesel  
c/o: cabel@wilsav.com

Re: Fire aboard the small passenger vessel *Spirit of Norfolk*, June 7, 2022, Elizabeth River, Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hanna:

Enclosed are copies of each draft group chairman draft factual report in the above-referenced investigation, for your technical review and comment. The deadline for submitting comments is May 12, 2023. The NTSB investigative team will review all factual comments and provide the parties with a written summary of the disposition of those comments, including whether any changes have been or will be made to group chairman factual reports. In addition to any comments you may have on the draft reports, please also indicate whether you believe any additional investigation is needed to complete the factual record.

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Sincerely,

Michael B. Karr  
Investigator-In-Charge, *Spirit of Norfolk* Fire Investigation

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Mr. Charles Wyatt  
Diesel Technician  
Bay Power Solutions  
c/o: cabel@wilsav.com

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Commander Randy S. Waddington  
Spirit of Norfolk Formal Investigation Team Lead  
Randy.S.Waddington@uscg.mil

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Senior Vice President of Marine Operations  
Hornblower Group  
Scott.Smith@Hornblower.com

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Mr. William A. Burket  
Director, MIRT/Emergency Operations  
Virginia Port Authority  
Email: bburket@portofvirginia.com

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