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Transcript of the U.S. Coast Guard Recording of the
Interview of: YURIY LOSHAKOV, Master, *Beijing*
For the Coast Guard Marine Casualty Investigation

Onboard *Beijing*, Outer Anchorages

Thursday,
November 18, 2021

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Peacock Piper Tong & Voss

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(9:45 a.m. PST)

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3 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. All right. The date is Thursday,
4 November 18th. The time is 9:45. My name is [REDACTED]. I'm
5 an investigator with the Coast Guard, Sector Los Angeles/Long
6 Beach. We're at the Outer Anchorage at Sector Los Angeles/Long
7 Beach. I'm ready to conduct an interview with the master of the
8 motor vessel *Beijing* and we have with us in the room -- I'll let
9 them introduce themselves.

10 CDR [REDACTED]: Commander [REDACTED], US Coast Guard.

11 MR. PIPER: Glen Piper, Peacock Piper Tong & Voss.

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13 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

14 Q. And, Captain, could you say your name for the record?

15 A. My name is Yuriy Loshakov.

16 Q. Can you spell your last name?

17 A. Lo sha kov, Lima Oscar Sierra Hotel Alpha Victor.

18 Q. Thank you, Captain.

19 Q. And how long have you been sailing with the company that
20 you're currently sailing with?

21 A. From just now.

22 Q. From -- for how long?

23 A. How long? I started working (indiscernible) company 19 --
24 1/9/96 and in V-Ships company (indiscernible).

25 Q. Yeah. How long? What year?

- 1 A. More than 23 years.
- 2 Q. Okay. Long time.
- 3 CDR [REDACTED]: Okay. Twenty-plus years.
- 4 BY MR. [REDACTED]:
- 5 Q. And what's the name of the company?
- 6 A. V-Ships.
- 7 Q. V-Ships.
- 8 A. V-Ships.
- 9 Q. And have you sailed as captain during that whole time?
- 10 A. No. I working as captain from 2007.
- 11 Q. 2007?
- 12 A. Yeah, '07.
- 13 Q. And before that?
- 14 A. Before, I working in company with different (indiscernible).
- 15 Q. On ships?
- 16 A. Uh-huh.
- 17 Q. On the ship?
- 18 A. On ship, yeah.
- 19 Q. All right, all right Chief Mate?
- 20 A. Chief Mate, (indiscernible) second officer chief mate,
- 21 (indiscernible) master.
- 22 Q. So you've risen up through the ranks --
- 23 A. Yeah.
- 24 Q. -- to be captain?
- 25 A. Yeah.

1 Q. Okay, and how many times have you -- how long have you been
2 sailing as captain on the *Beijing*?

3 A. First time. One time.

4 Q. One time. This time right now?

5 A. Yeah. This is first time.

6 Q. First time.

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. I see. So have you -- are you aware of the incident that we
9 are -- the Coast Guard is investigating at this time with -- in
10 January of 2021?

11 A. I'm only listen about this -- from the company not more.

12 Q. I see. Okay. So let me ask you about how you conduct
13 anchoring operations. Anchoring operations?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. How did you come to this anchorage?

16 A. For this one?

17 Q. This one, yeah.

18 A. This one. I'm on bridge (indiscernible) the general
19 (indiscernible) chief officer on the forward together with bosun.
20 We prepare, preparing anchor for dropping after received my
21 command. He's (indiscernible) he's move, start drop anchor;
22 before we lower it down. This is good sea practice lower the
23 anchor 1 meter above. On receiving my command, he's dropping.

24 Q. Okay, and then after the anchor, do you have anchor watch?

25 A. Yes, exactly.

1 Q. And who is on the anchor watch?

2 A. Anchor watch is duty watch officer all times checking by
3 ECDIS. He's from anchor (indiscernible) on display. Every hour
4 one rating going make -- going make ground. He check chain
5 position.

6 Q. Who does that?

7 A. Huh?

8 Q. Who checks the anchor?

9 A. Some from rating who is this moment on watch.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. One AB or OS make round looking chain position.

12 Q. I see. Okay, and is anyone on the bridge?

13 A. Huh?

14 Q. Is anyone on the bridge at all times?

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. Who is?

17 A. Duty officer all time on the bridge.

18 Q. On the bridge?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Yeah, and so if the anchor changed position what steps do you
21 take at that time? If the OS reported the anchor changed
22 position --

23 A. Yeah. Every hour.

24 Q. -- what -- okay. So if the anchor changes position --

25 A. If anchor change position but move he -- but usually if good

1 weather up and down, it's little bit vessel moving the chain
2 (indiscernible) middle time. Yeah? Yeah. Strong tide.

3 Q. Yeah.

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. If it's --

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. -- at an angle?

8 A. Yeah, angle.

9 Q. Yeah.

10 A. By angle of chain from vessel.

11 Q. Yeah.

12 A. Up and down, little stay.

13 Q. Yeah.

14 A. Long stay.

15 Q. Long stay. Yeah.

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Okay. So if the anchor, how can you tell if the anchor's
18 dragging?

19 A. Okay, but also I'm asked -- you can see with anchor dragging;
20 is that correct?

21 Q. Can you tell?

22 A. No. It starts just with us looking on anchor alarm on
23 bridge. If vessel start dragging, the boat of safe -- safe water
24 to touch by vessel, it start alarming.

25 Q. Okay.

1 A. Just moment we start check the vessel position by different
2 means.

3 Q. Such as?

4 A. Yeah. No, no, like say, start navigation procedure by being
5 by distance --

6 Q. Yeah.

7 A. -- to other (indiscernible) start dragging, start preparing
8 my engine. You need to inform vessel around that for our vessel
9 dragging. Contact and inform VTS (indiscernible) to prevent my
10 engine ready. You try to keep vessel to vessel position for avoid
11 and incident.

12 Q. Yeah, and what log books do you use to record the anchor
13 position and anchor dragging? Which books do you use, logs? Do
14 you use the --

15 A. Duty officer make all records in the black book, well, black
16 book.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Bell book.

19 Q. Yeah.

20 CDR [REDACTED]: The bell book. Okay.

21 MR. LOSHAKOV: Yeah.

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]:

23 Q. And is there a requirement to make certain entries in the
24 bell book --

25 A. Yeah.

- 1 Q. -- for certain -- do you have standing orders?
- 2 A. Well, about.
- 3 Q. Do you have standing orders for the -- what --
- 4 A. My standing ones.
- 5 Q. Yes.
- 6 A. Yes. My standing orders on bridge --
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. -- posted on bridge.
- 9 Q. Okay. So has the company given you any direction as far as
- 10 anchor dragging or is it up to you to decide what to do? The
- 11 company directions or captain directions or --
- 12 A. It's my -- my directions.
- 13 Q. Your directions?
- 14 A. (Indiscernible).
- 15 Q. Yeah. How often -- go ahead. How often do you test the
- 16 windlass?
- 17 A. I don't remember exactly. It's in the PMS system, but --
- 18 Q. Yeah.
- 19 A. -- it's shuttle, like --
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. -- a -- like this shuttle we perform it (indiscernible). I
- 22 don't remember exactly.
- 23 Q. Right. Right. Do you have records of that?
- 24 A. Yeah, yeah. The records in the PMS system.
- 25 Q. Okay, and do you -- and for take out the anchor chain and end

- 1 for end it, take out, turn it around? Do you always leave the
2 anchor chain where it is or do you move it? Do you replace the
3 anchor chain?
- 4 A. Replace anchor chain?
- 5 Q. Yeah.
- 6 A. I cannot replace anchor chain.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. That's -- you might if chain come down that --
- 9 Q. Yeah.
- 10 A. No. It is -- when on the proper (indiscernible) you put
11 mark --
- 12 Q. Yeah.
- 13 A. -- on chain.
- 14 Q. Yeah.
- 15 A. If you see before if chain going, but --
- 16 Q. Yeah.
- 17 A. -- or not.
- 18 Q. Yeah.
- 19 A. That is whole time but --
- 20 Q. Yeah.
- 21 A. -- mark on chain.
- 22 Q. Yeah, and when you're coming to anchor, say you're anchoring
23 here, how many shots?
- 24 A. Six shots now.
- 25 Q. Six shots?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Okay. Have you ever had an anchor dragging incident
3 yourself? Have you ever had an anchor --

4 A. I am --

5 Q. Yeah.

6 A. No.

7 Q. No? Fortunately, no?

8 A. No. No.

9 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. Let's see here. I think -- can you
10 think of any questions?

11 BY CDR [REDACTED]:

12 Q. Just you mentioned before the duty officers for the anchor
13 watch, who normally stands that duty? Is it the mates? Is there
14 a combination of different positions? Who normally -- so if
15 there's the duty officers, who is that specifically by position?

16 A. Excuse me. Who is all time checking position, but normally
17 (indiscernible).

18 Q. So yeah. So earlier --

19 (Background interference)

20 Q. So you mentioned earlier, we were asking about who, part of
21 your anchor watch, you mentioned that there was kind of a roving
22 person who checks things every hour, right?

23 A. Every hour.

24 Q. And that's usually like an AB or --

25 A. AB. AB.

1 Q. -- OS type? Now in terms of the duty officer, what positions
2 typically -- who stands duty officer watch during anchor? Would
3 that be, like, the chief's mate, second mate --

4 A. Each --

5 Q. -- third mate or --

6 A. -- yeah --

7 Q. -- what positions do that?

8 A. Each duty officer checking position.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Who's on watch. Chief officer. Chief officer; chief officer
11 checking. The second officer on watch, second officer watch
12 checking position. Third officer, third officer --

13 Q. Got it.

14 A. -- if something that he say (indiscernible).

15 Q. Okay. So all the officers --

16 A. Yeah. All --

17 Q. -- typically standing --

18 A. -- all --

19 Q. -- duty officer?

20 A. All officers checking.

21 Q. Understand. Thank you for that.

22 A. That is (indiscernible).

23 MR. [REDACTED]: So, Captain, did -- so what was your
24 understanding of what happened on the -- you weren't here, but
25 what was your understanding of what happened on the 25th of

1 January 2021?

2 MR. LOSHAKOV: I'm only listen. I have not --

3 MR. TRIBOLET: Sorry, Captain, just one thing. Make sure,
4 you know, anything you learned from talking with us that's
5 confidential privilege. In fact, if you have knowledge through
6 other sources other than talking to attorneys, then tell them
7 that, okay?

8 MR. LOSHAKOV: Yeah. I'm so I'm listen from officer. We
9 have not any others resource. It's from office, from
10 (indiscernible) is it only that.

11 CDR [REDACTED]: Okay.

12 MR. [REDACTED]: Okay. I think -- really all. I think I've
13 exhausted my questions.

14 CDR [REDACTED]: Okay. Yeah, no. obviously, kind of a -- we
15 appreciate your time --

16 MR. [REDACTED]: Yeah. Thank you, Captain.

17 CDR [REDACTED]: -- Captain, and --

18 MR. LOSHAKOV: It's finished, yeah?

19 CDR [REDACTED]: Yes. We're all done.

20 MR. LOSHAKOV: Okay.

21 CDR [REDACTED]: Thank you very much.

22 MR. [REDACTED]: Time is 10:00. We're going to end the
23 interview. Thank you.

24 (Whereupon, at 10:00 a.m. PST, the interview was concluded.)

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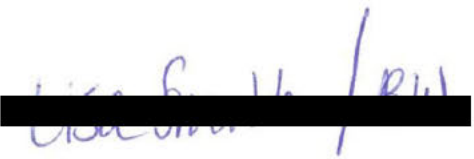
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