

VHF TRANSCRIPT

5:10:35 ARTHUR CARSON: R.C. CREPPEL, ARTHUR CARSON

R.C. CREPPEL: R.C. CREPPEL

ARTHUR CARSON: I didn't see you there. I thought they only had the ROGER ADAMS right there crossing over. I'm looking to get out the way. What speed you making there?

R.C. CREPPEL: You going north?

ARTHUR CARSON: I'm gonna be, I need to top around here south. I'm gonna let you slide on by if you need to, just wondering what kind of speed you making?

R.C. CREPPEL: Uh, up to 3.2, uh, go ahead, go head, I'll come by you on 2

ARTHUR CARSON: Roger on that

5:13:24 HUGH MONSTED: HUGH MONSTED to R.C. CREPPEL

R.C. CREPPEL: Come on, HUGH

HUGH MONSTED: You need me to cool 'em off?

R.C. CREPPEL: Yeah, I do

HUGH MONSTED: Right on your starboard side there

R.C. CREPPEL: Uh, that's you northbound?

HUGH MONSTED: Yes, sir.

R.C. CREPPEL: Uh, I mean, um, just work your way to the east bank and you should be fine, you

HUGH MONSTED: Okie doke

5:14:05 GLORY FIRST: 49 to that COOPERATIVE boat at Luling Bridge

COOP SPIRIT: [TJ]: Yeah, this is SPIRIT.

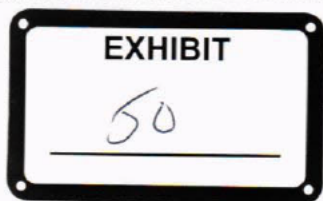
GLORY FIRST: Hey good morning, COOPERATIVE SPIRIT. Captain you going up the bend way at, uh, 26?

COOP SPIRIT: [TJ]: I'll start out underneath the point and be over in the bend when its over.

GLORY FIRST: Alright, sounds like if I get by you on the one then, huh?

COOP SPIRIT: [TJ]: Yeah, yeah, that is probably the best

GLORY FIRST: Meet you on one then



5:22:20	R.C. CREPPEL:	R.C. CREPPEL., southbound two of 'em just strung out, just past Shell Norco, R.C. CREPPEL
	COOP SPIRIT:	[TJ]: COOPERATIVE SPIRIT to the CREPPEL, we're coming up down here at 26 at the point right now for the one.
5:22:46	COOP SPIRIT:	[TJ]: COOPERATIVE SPIRIT to R.C. CREPPEL.
	R.C. CREPPEL:	RC CREPPEL back to COOPERATIVE SPIRIT
	COOP SPIRIT:	[TJ]: We're coming up down there at 26 right now.
	R.C. CREPPEL:	Roger, I got two of 'em strung out there. What side you want to meet on?
	COOP SPIRIT:	[TJ]: Right now I'm on the one
	R.C. CREPPEL:	Roger on the one.
5:28:37	GLORY FIRST:	49 to R.C. CREPPEL
	R.C. CREPPEL:	Come on, 49.
	GLORY FIRST:	Hey, good morning captain, northbound ship here at ADM buoys. Overtaking the SHELBY GROS, I'm overtaking him on the two. I'll be on the one for you/captain, it that don't hurt?
	R.C. CREPPEL:	Roger on the one
	GLORY FIRST:	Understood
5:30:10	GLORY FIRST:	49, SHELBY, thanks for getting me by captain. Have a good morning, safe watch
	SHELBY GROS:	Same to you, thank you
5:33:26	COOP SPIRIT:	[TJ]: Everything look alright out there, Cap?
5:34:21	COOP SPIRIT:	[TJ]: R.C. CREPPEL...SPIRIT to R.C. CREPPEL String off
5:34:42	COOP SPIRIT:	[TJ]: He's right there across the head of the tow. SPIRIT TO R.C. CREPPEL
5:34:48	COOP SPIRIT:	(conversation in wheelhouse) [TJ]: I don't know what he was doing. [DT]: See if you can't get someone start catching barges out there.

5:34:58	COOP SPIRIT:	[DT]: COOPERATIVE SPIRIT to Kenner Bend, Cannizaro.  (conversation in wheelhouse)  [DT]: What channel does Cannizaro standy by?  [TJ]: 65, I think.
5:35:10	GLORY FIRST:  COOP SPIRIT:	49, COOPERATIVE SPIRIT. You over there captain?  [TJ]: Yeah, you might want to stop down there. I can't find this boat down here in front of me. I think he's ran up under the head of our tow.
5:35:11	COOP SPIRIT:  LA PARADISE:  COOP SPIRIT:	[DT]: SPIRIT to the Cannizaro...COOPERATIVE SPIRIT to Cannizaro fleet  LOUISIANA PARADISE  [DT]: Hey we just had a collision up here, got a couple of strings floating down towards the bridge, if you can help us out a little bit there right here in Magnolia Fleet.
5:35:36	GLORY FIRST:	49 to COOPERATIVE SPIRIT...I got 40 feet; I'm not going to be able to _____. (inaudible)
5:35:46	COOP SPIRIT:	(conversation in wheelhouse)  (inaudible)  [TJ]: He is under the head of that tow there, Cap.
5:36:07	COOP SPIRIT:	[DT]: COOPERATIVE SPIRIT to, uh, any vessel in the vicinity of, uh, 26 Mile Point, uh, Luling Bridge. Need some assistance, been a collision up here.
5:36:27	COOP SPIRIT:	(conversation in wheelhouse)  [TJ]: What in the world? He's under the head of that tow, Cap. I think that damn boat just sank. I don't know what to do, do you? He's out there.  [DT]: Hold what you can, just don't land her on that other fleet.
5:36:51	COOP SPIRIT:	(conversation in wheelhouse)  [TJ]: I'm going down the river pretty fast  [DT]: Yep  [TJ]: I mean, I was right on that point and he slid right across...and we'd already talked
5:37:07	COOP SPIRIT:	[DT]: COOPERATIVE SPIRIT to, uh, Coast Guard Group New Orleans.

5:37:14 COOP SPIRIT:	(conversation in wheelhouse)  [TJ]: He ain't got...that boat just sank.
5:37:16 COAST GUARD:  COOP SPIRIT:  COAST GUARD:  COOP SPIRIT:	Coast Guard, Sector New Orleans go ahead.  [DT]: Yeah, the COOP SPIRIT back, good morning. We, uh, just had a collision with the RC CREPPEL, here at, uh, right under 26 Mile Point, between 26 and Luling Bridge and, uh, we need assistance. I think the boat is under the head of our tow there.  Roger, Captain. Can you shift to channel 22 Alpha, that's two two alpha, over?  [DT]: Yeah, roger.  (conversation in wheelhouse)  [DT]: Shit, if I can see. I hate where these radios are at. I got it.  [TJ]: Mike and them are out there on tow.  [DT]: They are?  [TJ]: They're right here.
5:38:06 COOP SPIRIT:  COAST GUARD:  COOP SPIRIT:	[DT]: Hey, uh, COOP SPIRIT to Coast Guard group New Orleans.  Roger, Captain, you say that you hit another vessel. Can I get your position and how many people are on your vessel, over?  (conversation in wheelhouse)  [TJ]: There's one going down, ain't it?  [DT]: Yeah, uh, just a minute Cap, my position is 26 Mile Point between 26 and Luling Bridge.
5:38:35 COOP SPIRIT:	(conversation in wheelhouse)  [TJ]: I can't hear Michael.  [DT]: There's a ship right there.  [TJ]: I already talked to him there.  [DT] You can, but I mean what I'm saying is that there is a ship right there.  [TJ]: All right yeah.

5:38:46	COOP SPIRIT:	[TJ]: COOP SPIRIT to 49, you not able to get stopped either
	GLORY FIRST:	I cannot get stopped, Cap. I'm come up point side as much as I can.
	COOP SPIRIT:	[TJ]: I'm setting that way all the time. I'm gonna be, you're gonna be right on me, bud.
5:38:58	COOP SPIRIT:	[DT]: Just a minute, Cap. We got lots goin' on there. Let me get situated and we'll give you a call. But anyway, we are...we need assistance up here. I called our fleet and, but anybody who can give assistance, we would appreciate that.
	COAST GUARD:	Roger, Captain. Any injuries right now?
	COOP SPIRIT:	[DT]: I do not know, Cap, this just happened. We will just have to wait and get with you in then. All we know now is that there is a boat missing and we have barges adrift. We have our hands full now, we'll call you as soon as we can.
	COAST GUARD:	...22 ALPHA
05:40:30	LA PARADISE:	PARADISE to COOPERATIVE SPIRIT
	COOP SPIRIT:	[TJ]: Yeah, SPIRIT.  (danger signal in background)  [TJ]: Hang on man, we're (inaudible)
05:40:51	(Audible Crash Noises) (GLORY FIRST)	
05:40:54	COOP SPIRIT:	(conversation in wheelhouse):  [TJ]: God dang, there she go.  [DT] Everything's gone.  [TJ] Yep, everything's gone.  [TJ]: Shit, buddy. Damn.  [DT] See if you can get on the ____.
05:42:00	Security, security on all stations, this is vessel traffic service -- Lower Mississippi River. Break. Due to a collision at 26 mile point, Mississippi River at mile marker 121.0 to 123.0 is closed to all traffic. Break. New Orleans Traffic out.  (Coast Guard announcement shutting down traffic from Mile 121-123)	

[TJ] Pilot Todd Jackson  
[DT] Captain David Thorpe