We engaged for landing at Fauntleroy and were preparing for our sewage pump trip. Clutches engaged and all systems seemed normal. At approximately 0815 we hit something hard. We then proceeded into the Fauntleroy dock. No unusual propulsion vibrations were felt. We couldn't recognize talking over the bogun and requested several times to clarify. At one point we thought we heard "beach". Sometime after that I sent a brief message to the staff chief, P/E's Blake and Schweyen and OPPS. I went up and took 4 quick pictures to send to the same group mentioned earlier. I talked with the passenger who was in the damaged vehicle and he said he was fine.

After the hit I did get a steering VOM#3 alarm and eventually I cleared it @ approximately 0905. The Oiler made a full round immediately after the hit to assess for water coming in and other damages. Also the oiler made another full round and reported all good at 0905 as well. We checked all tanks for leaks and none were found. We performed a brief hull inspection and noted some paint missing from welds #2 end STBD in the shaft ally where the skin of the ship meets the rub rail. No other damages Below the cardeck have been found as of yet. At 0956 we performed a rudder check locally swinging full port and STBD.

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