



U.S. COAST GUARD INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Matter Under Investigation: Collision (OSV) THUNDER and (Bulk) BUNUN QUEEN on July 23, 2022.

Interview Of: Patrick France AB / Mate in training on THUNDER

Date/Time: 0800-0837 26 July 2022

Location:

Interviewed By: CWO [REDACTED]

The Mate in training of the (OSV) THUNDER, who resided at, [REDACTED] had been employed by Jackson Offshore Operations for 3 years prior and took a one year break and had been rehired for 3 weeks prior to the collision. He has a total of seven years in the maritime industry which includes 4 years at Texas A&M Maritime Academy.

Mate in training had worked with the current Captain for approximately 3 weeks. Holds a 2nd Mate, 1st class Pilot for Lower Mississippi, and an unlimited mate's license.

At approximately 1115 the Mate in training assumed the watch with the Master and Mate. Attended the safety meeting with Life Jacket donning and loss of propulsion drills. 1230 The Master sent both the Mate and the Mate in training to conduct the mate's rounds which included running the fire pumps for 10-15 minutes. When they finished the mate's both crewmembers went to the galley to eat lunch. While washing their dishes they heard crewmembers yelling "they were about to be hit". The Mate in training ran to the outside deck and saw the vessel BUNUN QUEEN collide with the THUNDER'S port quarter. The general alarm sounded and the Mate in training proceeded to the Master's station. He was then told by the relief Captain that the Master request another mate in the wheelhouse. The Mate in training remained in the wheelhouse assisting as needed until directed to board the LADY TIERNEY.

Mate in training stated that the skies were clear with calm seas. Also, stated that the vessel operation's manual states that two persons are one the bridge at all times, a Captain and Mate. The wheelhouse has 360 degrees of visibility and the radars close proximity alarm (CPA) should have been set at 12 for s band and 6 for x band.

Mate in training stated he does not know what caused the Collision or anything that could have prevented it.

[REDACTED] CWO3

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