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FIRE AND ABANDONMENT OF THE *BLUE*  
*DRAGON* F/V IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN,  
ALASKA ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Accident No.: DCA22FM004

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Interview of: GERALD MENDOZA, Deckhand  
*Tenacious*

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I N T E R V I E W

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MR. [REDACTED] Tell us your name and spell it out.

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MR. MENDOZA: Okay. My name is Gerald. It's like Gulf?

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MR. [REDACTED] Yeah.

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MR. MENDOZA: Gulf, maybe G-a is Gulf, yeah. Gulf --

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MR. [REDACTED] Gerald, common spelling, yeah.

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MR. MENDOZA: Yes, A, alpha, Lima and Delta.

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MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

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LT [REDACTED] Okay, Gerald?

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MR. MENDOZA: Yes, Mendoza, Mike, yeah.

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MR. [REDACTED] M-e-n --

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MR. MENDOZA: It's e-n-d-o

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MR. [REDACTED] -- d-o-z-a.

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MR. MENDOZA: -- z-a, yeah.

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LT [REDACTED] Okay, thank you.

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## INTERVIEW OF GERALD MENDOZA

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BY LT [REDACTED]

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Q. What was your position onboard?

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A. (Indiscernible).

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Q. Fishing crew? The night of the fire, where were you right before you saw the fire?

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A. I was -- at the time that I fight the fire then I asked guys if I (indiscernible) for the surface thing.

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Q. Okay.

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A. And I don't know why. I almost kept going inside the door,

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1 before I opened the door and (indiscernible) he shout me the fire.  
2 Then I delicately banged the door. I grabbed a fire extinguisher  
3 then I come into the wheelhouse because the wheelhouse, the fire  
4 start in the wheelhouse and (indiscernible) those were the -- they  
5 the first thing we said.

6 LT [REDACTED] Mm-hm.

7 BY MR. [REDACTED]

8 Q. Before the fire, before -- did Steven tell you about the  
9 fire?

10 A. Yeah.

11 Q. Before that happened, where were you standing, on the back of  
12 the vessel?

13 A. Yeah, on the back of the vessel. Ask (indiscernible), they  
14 said.

15 Q. Okay, so you were working fishing gear?

16 A. Yeah.

17 MR. [REDACTED] Okay, okay.

18 LT [REDACTED] How long have you been on the boat, how many  
19 days?

20 MR. MENDOZA: No, in that boat, I am only soon -- that's my  
21 first trip on that boat.

22 LT [REDACTED] That was your first trip.

23 MR. MENDOZA: I came from the -- another boat of that  
24 company.

25 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah.

1 MR. MENDOZA: Blue Dragon Company.

2 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Oh, Blue Dragon II, he was on.

3 LT [REDACTED] You were on the Blue Dragon II.

4 MR. MENDOZA: And they transfer me.

5 MR. [REDACTED] Before this one.

6 LT [REDACTED] How long have you been on the Blue Dragon II?

7 MR. MENDOZA: I almost two years.

8 LT [REDACTED] Two years? Okay.

9 MR. [REDACTED] So you're familiar with the owners.

10 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah.

11 BY LT [REDACTED]

12 Q. How many years sea experience do you have as crew?

13 A. No, I do not. This my first boat, yeah.

14 Q. This is your first?

15 A. Yeah. It's my two years, I almost coming three years this  
16 coming February.

17 Q. Almost three years? Okay.

18 A. This people are my (indiscernible) for this company, Blue  
19 Dragon.

20 Q. Okay. So the night of the fire, before you saw the fire you  
21 were on deck, is that right, doing the fishing gear?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. And then what happened? Tell us just in your own  
24 words what happened after that.

25 A. Yeah, before that I asked where we stay set, then I went to

1 go inside. I want to grab my phone and I want to take the video  
2 for those people they see it and they went (indiscernible), Blue  
3 Dragon. Then I open the door then I see the Observer, he bring  
4 his fire extinguisher and he shout me the fire.

5 MR. [REDACTED] So you saw Steven?

6 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah.

7 MR. [REDACTED] Fighting the fire?

8 MR. MENDOZA: He carried the first thing we said and he  
9 yelled me a fire.

10 MR. [REDACTED] Oh, I see.

11 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah. In the door, we hang the door, you have  
12 the one fire extinguisher. That's why I take a fire extinguisher  
13 and then I shout at the back saying we have a fire.

14 BY LT [REDACTED]

15 Q. You shouted back.

16 A. I -- yeah.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And I let them know to -- we have the fire activate in the  
19 front. And they say they are fighting and they sprayed me the  
20 fan. That's the first thing we said, and how can they make the  
21 alarm, continuous alarm with the --

22 Q. Who made the alarm? The Captain did?

23 A. The Captain, yeah.

24 Q. Okay. Where was the Captain? On the bridge at this time?  
25 Or when you went to -- you got the fire extinguisher.

- 1 A. Yeah.
- 2 Q. And you went to the bridge.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. To fight the fire. Where was the Captain?
- 5 A. The Captain and the Observer, they already --
- 6 Q. Are in the --
- 7 A. -- yeah, in the front.
- 8 Q. -- are in the front.
- 9 A. Yeah. They tried to fight with the fire. And then the third
- 10 -- they're there to start to fight the fire at that time.
- 11 Q. Where did you attempt to fight the fire from -- the door
- 12 leading to the bridge?
- 13 A. No. Because our boat is one room. And in the dining and the
- 14 room.
- 15 Q. Oh, I see.
- 16 A. And way down from the front, all.
- 17 Q. So you can access the bridge from the galley.
- 18 A. Yeah, from the outside.
- 19 Q. From the -- okay. So you were trying to fight it from
- 20 behind, from the galley? Or from --
- 21 A. No, I came over. So I walk in the front and I go to the
- 22 wheelhouse because the wheelhouse straight from there.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. The one room, then I tried to stop the fire.
- 25 Q. Okay.



- 1 A. And to safegang (ph.) the computer.
- 2 Q. When you attempted to fight the fire, did you see the flames?
- 3 A. Yeah, I see the flame in the wall in there, and the ceiling.
- 4 Q. So they went from the floor to the ceiling?
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. Okay, what color?
- 7 A. It's dark black and dark red, yeah.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. That smoke is too much.
- 10 Q. Very thick? Yeah.
- 11 A. Very thick and can't properly and in safe distance, smoke.
- 12 Q. Mm-hm.
- 13 A. And to be there with a holder (ph.) of the fire extinguisher.
- 14 They already mix with the smoke.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. And we can put properly inside.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. How long did you attempt to fight the fire before you were
- 19 overcome by smoke?
- 20 Q. Oh, it was most, maybe 10 minutes --
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. -- before I can't breathe properly.
- 23 A. When I stop breathe good then I still fight with the fire.
- 24 But when the smoke and the fire, they make it higher and bigger, I
- 25 came out and then I went to try to open that other side door to

1 take the water, to spray the ceiling. But the water and the hose  
2 didn't, not enough to reach the wheelhouse (indiscernible).

3 LT [REDACTED] So where'd you get the hose from? When you  
4 went to go get the hose, where was it?

5 MR. MENDOZA: In the back side they have the water.

6 LT [REDACTED] Back side?

7 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah. You have to pump the water. We clean  
8 the (indiscernible).

9 MR. [REDACTED] Is it just a garden hose?

10 MR. MENDOZA: No.

11 MR. [REDACTED] Oh, a firefighting hose?

12 LT [REDACTED] Two inches or how, how big the hose?

13 MR. MENDOZA: No, that water is maybe two inches, and the  
14 hose maybe small size.

15 MR. [REDACTED] Okay, so that's a firefighting hose.

16 LT [REDACTED] Like one half.

17 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah.

18 MR. MENDOZA: And the red (ph.) one.

19 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

20 MR. MENDOZA: We can't reach the --

21 BY LT [REDACTED]

22 Q. So you hooked it up, you turned it on and it couldn't reach  
23 to the front?

24 A. Yeah, can't reach. It can't reach the front.

25 Q. How long do you think the hose was, 50 feet?

1 A. No, not even. No.

2 Q. Because the boat is about 80 feet long, right?

3 A. Yeah, yeah.

4 Q. So you --

5 MR. [REDACTED] But the bridge is probably 50 feet from the  
6 fantail.

7 LT [REDACTED] So you think maybe only 25 feet hose?

8 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah, it's something 20, 20 feet or 25 feet  
9 something.

10 LT [REDACTED] Okay.

11 BY MR. [REDACTED]

12 Q. But you had good water pressure?

13 A. Yeah, the pressure is good but --

14 Q. But didn't reach.

15 A. -- don't, yeah. I would say the fire already make it  
16 stronger.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And you cannot bring a (indiscernible) to stuff. I already  
19 knew it, the hold.

20 MR. [REDACTED] Mm-hm.

21 LT [REDACTED] And then where did you -- so once that happens,  
22 you couldn't get the hose. What did you do then? Did you go to  
23 the back of the boat for the liferaft?

24 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah, the one guy, and the Observer, he help  
25 me. So one job they take the liferaft. And me, I try to fight

1 with the fire. And some guys, they take the liferaft for safety  
2 in case we have the Captain and Observer did their job on the  
3 ship, they can jump over and -- or in case we didn't have an  
4 anchor.

5 BY MR. [REDACTED]

6 Q. Who made the decision to abandon the ship?

7 A. The Captain and the Observer.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. When they did abandon ship then us guys, we jump onto the  
10 liferaft.

11 Q. Who do you think made that decision, the Captain or the  
12 Observer, or both?

13 A. Both, mostly.

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. Okay. Who was in charge?

17 A. To abandon ship?

18 Q. I don't know because I am still in the -- I'm still holding  
19 the hose to fire the --

20 LT [REDACTED] The fire?

21 MR. MENDOZA: -- to fight the fire. In this case they said  
22 jump to the -- and the Observer already in the liferaft.

23 LT [REDACTED] The Observer went in the liferaft at that  
24 point.

25 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah.

1 BY MR. [REDACTED]

2 Q. Did the Captain want to abandon ship, or did he want to  
3 attempt to fight the fire?

4 A. They want to attempt and it be -- in the heart they --  
5 because this no feasible. But they already jump to the liferaft.

6 Q. Who? The NOAA guy?

7 A. The first case jump is the Observer.

8 Q. Mm-hm.

9 A. Steve.

10 Q. Yeah, so he left. And then who was the next person to go?

11 A. Oh, boy. I go next.

12 Q. Who?

13 A. Me.

14 Q. Oh, you did.

15 LT [REDACTED] You were in second? Okay.

16 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

17 MR. MENDOZA: Me, too.

18 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah. Now, and (indiscernible).

19 LT [REDACTED] And who came on -- who is last?

20 MR. MENDOZA: The Vietnam guy.

21 LT [REDACTED] Vietnam guy?

22 MR. MENDOZA: And after him is then they go, rest of them.

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]

24 Q. Okay. Did you guys have life jackets?

25 A. Yeah. Could never take the life jackets. The life jackets

1 inside the front.

2 Q. You couldn't get to them?

3 A. You couldn't. A flame, the smoke and the fire already coming  
4 inside.

5 Q. Okay. So the -- were the life jackets accessible from deck,  
6 or you had to go down below?

7 A. No. In the front side, they in the wheelhouse.

8 Q. Oh, they're in the wheelhouse, okay. So they were in the  
9 space that was on fire.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Emergent suits in the same place?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. What about Personal Locator Beacons, PLBs? Did you  
14 have one?

15 A. No, we don't have.

16 Q. Okay. Did the ship have any?

17 A. Yeah, maybe the ship, they have it.

18 Q. Okay, but you don't know. Okay.

19 BY LT [REDACTED]

20 Q. What did you see? So, you got in the liferaft. You're  
21 fighting the fire. You got the hoses. You got in the liferaft.  
22 You guys stayed in the liferaft all night.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What did you see, the boat? Was the fire only at the front  
25 of the boat, or what did you see? How did you --

1 A. Oh, whole.

2 Q. -- the whole boat?

3 A. Yeah. Not the whole in the front and the whole into the  
4 middle of the boat. Of course in the middle is about the storage  
5 and maybe if I can go to the storage we have plenty ice.

6 LT [REDACTED] Okay.

7 MR. [REDACTED] Oh, I see.

8 LT [REDACTED] I see, yeah.

9 MR. MENDOZA: They only take the front side and the half of  
10 the boat into the storage side and toward the back.

11 MR. [REDACTED] If I asked you to draw a picture. If you were  
12 looking down at the vessel from above.

13 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah.

14 MR. [REDACTED] Could you draw me where the places are, the  
15 fire?

16 LT [REDACTED] : Yeah, can you draw?

17 MR. [REDACTED] Draw the --

18 LT [REDACTED] Like, what's the boat --

19 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah. So like --

20 LT [REDACTED] -- the spaces look like?

21 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah, yeah, yeah, I can.

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]

23 Q. So like obviously, it's one space, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So could you draw me like, here's the wheelhouse, here's the

1 galley, this is a closet? Something like that so I know exactly  
2 what the layout of the vessel is?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. You don't have to do that right now. You can do that when we  
5 --

6 A. Yeah, can.

7 Q. -- okay, perfect. Because you seem like you know. You have  
8 a good idea of where everything is.

9 A. Can I --

10 LT [REDACTED] Sure, if you want to do it quickly. I mean,  
11 you got plenty of time, but -- and this will help us understand.

12 BY MR. [REDACTED]

13 Q. And you can do this while we're talking to the Captain. You  
14 don't have to do this now.

15 A. If we can do it now. No? Or wait for the Captain, and?

16 Q. Okay, that's fine. Can I ask you questions while you're  
17 drawing?

18 A. Yeah, yeah, go ahead (indiscernible).

19 Q. Do -- did anybody -- was anybody able to take pictures when  
20 you guys were onboard the liferaft? Did anybody have a cellphone?

21 A. No.

22 LT [REDACTED] No cellphones?

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. They have the cellphone but all the phone is --



- 1 Q. Wet.
- 2 A. Was inside.
- 3 Q. Oh, I see.
- 4 A. Yeah. When the fire, the fire start then we cannot paying  
5 attention to take our phone because there are plenty smoke going.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. And us guys, we don't have any things to take it out.
- 8 Q. Uh-huh.
- 9 A. Only ourself and our clothes from the time to.
- 10 Q. So when you were on the liferaft and it was dark.
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. And you guys saw a full flames all over the vessel.
- 13 A. Yeah, on the front side.
- 14 Q. Okay. And lots of smoke.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. When morning came, did you guys get back onboard the  
17 Blue Dragon?
- 18 A. Yeah.
- 19 Q. Okay. And what did you guys do?
- 20 A. We take and the fire already done and --
- 21 Q. Oh, it went out on its own?
- 22 A. Yeah.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. That was -- no, no, no fire but we have some a little bit in  
25 -- we sprayed the sea water to stop all the --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- fire.

3 LT [REDACTED] How many hours later, like 12 hours, eight  
4 hours overnight? How many hours?

5 MR. MENDOZA: I think maybe 10 hour.

6 LT [REDACTED] 10 hours?

7 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]

9 Q. Did you guys sleep on the liferaft or no?

10 A. Yeah. Some sleep and maybe some did no. But the boat and  
11 the --

12 Q. Yeah.

13 A. -- look for the plane.

14 Q. Coast Guard.

15 A. Yeah.

16 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

17 BY LT [REDACTED]

18 Q. When you went back onboard that morning, you went to go fight  
19 the fire again, right? You went the next morning. There was  
20 still a little bit of fire in the boat.

21 A. And we spraying it with the water and we used the bucket and  
22 --

23 Q. Okay, with bucket?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Did you -- did the -- if you find another hose or anything?

1 Did you use the hose or no?

2 A. No. The generator already off. Most of the fire was  
3 (indiscernible). We didn't have any motor to spray.

4 Q. I -- Mr. Fazey -- Steven told us that the engines were on  
5 when you got back on.

6 A. Yeah, the engine.

7 Q. The engines were on?

8 A. Yeah, yeah.

9 Q. But the generator was off.

10 A. Yeah, the generator was off.

11 MR. [REDACTED] Oh, okay.

12 LT [REDACTED] That makes sense.

13 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah.

14 MR. MENDOZA: Just they are different. They have two engine  
15 and they are not -- I told you generator, but generator already  
16 off.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]

18 Q. When you guys were trying to fight the fire, Gerald, did you  
19 guys ever cut electrical power to the bridge?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Why not? Do you know?

22 A. Power box in the outside and --

23 Q. Too close to the fire?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Okay, okay. What about shutting down the generator?

- 1 A. Oh, the generators were down.
- 2 Q. Oh, okay.
- 3 A. After we cut off the generator power, the water would already  
4 stop.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 LT [REDACTED] Mm-hm, right.
- 7 MR. [REDACTED] After the fire went out, when you went back  
8 onboard, were you guys able to walk through the spaces?
- 9 MR. MENDOZA: Yeah, in the morning time.
- 10 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah.
- 11 LT [REDACTED] What did you see?
- 12 BY MR. [REDACTED]
- 13 Q. What did you see?
- 14 A. All about dust and nothing. All the inside room already  
15 collapsing.
- 16 Q. Was there any furniture left or all burnt?
- 17 A. No soever (ph.).
- 18 Q. Was there any flames left?
- 19 A. Flame?
- 20 Q. Yeah, any fire left?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. Just only a little bit, a small --
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. -- a small fire.

1 Q. But the entire bridge and where you guys lived and the galley  
2 were all burned.

3 A. It's all burned, mm-hm.

4 Q. Okay. But it did not go down into the engine room.

5 A. No.

6 Q. Okay, which makes sense. Fire travels up.

7 A. Yeah, fire in the topside.

8 Q. Did you go into the engine room --

9 A. No.

10 Q. -- when you went back onboard?

11 A. Oh, this one very dangerous.

12 Q. Yeah.

13 A. It would be able then to something fall down there.

14 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah, okay. Okay.

15 Marcel, did you have any more questions?

16 MR. MUISE: I just have a question here for Gerald.

17 Do you know anything was stored underneath the console or the  
18 bridge? Is there paint underneath there or rags or is there  
19 anything else that would start a fire underneath the bridge  
20 console?

21 (Pause)

22 BY MR. [REDACTED]

23 Q. So where the fire started underneath the throttles and the  
24 wheel?

25 A. Okay.

1 Q. Do you -- have you ever been under that cabinet?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay. You've never opened that?

4 A. No, I never opened. This one, the Captain was take open.

5 Q. Yeah

6 A. Because that's all about computers and maybe the battery is  
7 down, a little down.

8 LT [REDACTED] Who was on watch at the time of the fire? Who  
9 was watching this?

10 MR. MENDOZA: No, maybe the, of course the (indiscernible)  
11 someone can still awake (ph.).

12 LT [REDACTED] Okay, okay.

13 MR. MUISE: I heard somebody mention batteries. Is there a  
14 radio battery that's underneath that console?

15 MR. [REDACTED] He doesn't know what's underneath the console,  
16 but maybe he can tell us.

17 BY MR. [REDACTED]

18 Q. Have you been on the bridge before, of that vessel? Have you  
19 been to the bridge, Gerald?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. Okay. Can you describe what type of equipment is on top of  
22 that console?

23 A. Yeah, only the two laptop and one flat screen on the side.

24 Q. What's the flat screen for?

25 A. The TV for the Captain.

1 Q. Like a television?

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. Or for navigation equipment?

4 A. No, for the television.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. The different side on another side.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. The front is all the computers.

9 Q. So two laptops?

10 A. Yeah, that computer is the monitor and --

11 Q. But do --

12 A. -- for navigation.

13 Q. Oh, okay. So they use the -- one of the computers for  
14 navigation. What was the other one used for?

15 A. Same.

16 Q. Two navigation computers? What else is up there?

17 A. Only the control panel.

18 Q. Okay. So he said only the control panel, two laptops used  
19 for navigation, and a desktop computer with monitor.

20 MR. MUISE: Okay, thank you. Thank you. And, Gerald,  
21 thanks. Thank you, for the information.

22 MR. MENDOZA: Thank you, sir.

23 MR. [REDACTED] Okay, Marcel, if you're good, we're going to let  
24 Gerald draw a schematic of the vessel for us. And we're going to  
25 coordinate to get the Captain in here.

1 MR. MUISE: Okay, thank you folks again.

2 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Well, we'll call you in a minute.

3 Actually, so I'm going to call you from a different phone number.

4 It'll be a [REDACTED] area code.

5 MR. MUISE: Okay.

6 MR. [REDACTED] Because I'm going to call the interpreter from  
7 this phone.

8 MR. MUISE: Roger. Later.

9 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

10 MR. MUISE: We'll see you.

11 MR. [REDACTED] Thanks, Marcel.

12 BY MR. [REDACTED]

13 Q. Gerald, did you like this captain?

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. He's a good captain?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. Okay. Did you like the crew? Any problems with anybody?

18 A. (Indiscernible). This crew is my first time to met this  
19 crew.

20 Q. Yeah.

21 A. But in another boat, the (indiscernible).

22 Q. Is good?

23 A. Good, yeah.

24 Q. Okay. Did you like the NOAA Observer?

25 A. Yeah. I (indiscernible) the Observer before we NOAA. The



1 good job -- no, we see Observer before. I met to him before.

2 Q. Oh, you know him from before.

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. He's a good guy too.

6 Q. Did you agree with the decision to abandon ship? You think  
7 that was a good thing?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Before we lose everything.

11 Q. Yeah, okay.

12 A. We save our life first before die (ph.).

13 Q. Yeah. The Captain was sad?

14 A. Yeah, me too. I -- all of us, we get sad. But I think the  
15 Captain is sad.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. Most.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Sad, the guy.

20 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

21 LT [REDACTED] And the Captain is also the owner, right?  
22 Owner?

23 MR. MENDOZA: Yes, the Captain is the owner.

24 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

25 LT [REDACTED] I'll go look for the --

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