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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: STEPHEN FAZEY, NOAA Observer
Tenacious

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2 MR. [REDACTED] So I'll just let you -- I'll kind of open-end it
3 for you.

INTERVIEW OF STEPHEN FAZEY

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5 BY MR. [REDACTED]

6 Q. Let us know exactly what happened as far as -- from your
7 point of view, leading up to the casualty the day of, I guess that
8 was early yesterday, or?

9 A. The fire, I believe, started around 21:30, maybe 22:00. So
10 we were setting for swordfish, which you set at night. So we
11 started our set at 16:30 and we were finishing up, and we were
12 very close to being done. And so I was up waiting for us to be
13 done, and I went by the bridge and saw fire underneath of the
14 control panel. And I went towards the back to get -- to tell the
15 crew and get a fire extinguisher, and came back and tried to get
16 at the fire with the fire extinguisher. It was -- there's a panel
17 that separated me being able to get full contact with it. And so
18 I did that, and then the next crew member came up and tried as
19 well. And the fire got more and more. I believe they opened the
20 door at that time, letting in more oxygen and it took off. Lots
21 of smoke, couldn't see.

22 I then went back outside and started making preparations to
23 get off the ship. So I went up top, grabbed a crew member. We
24 cut the life raft away, and I got the EPIRB. And we went and put
25 it at the back at the stern and threw it off, ready to be deployed

1 fully, as they were. Well, I don't know what they were doing.

2 Because I didn't --

3 Q. Was that --

4 A. I wasn't able to visualize what they were doing.

5 Q. Who is they? The crew?

6 A. I was doing my thing. The crew.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Where were you positioned when -- prior to the fire -- prior
10 to going onto the bridge and noticing the fire?

11 A. I was -- I had just gotten something to eat, and I was
12 sitting in the galley waiting for them to be done. And I may have
13 been going back to my room to get something or --

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. -- something, and I went by the -- it's just a three-stair up
16 into the control room.

17 Q. Was there anybody?

18 A. That's all you see.

19 Q. Okay. Was there anybody on the bridge? One of the -- any of
20 the crew members?

21 A. The Captain was up there.

22 Q. Mm-hm. He didn't --

23 A. He was in his rack.

24 Q. Sleeping.

25 A. I believe he may have been sleeping.

1 Q. Okay. Is there any in-playing (ph.) information? You sound
2 like you --

3 A. I mean, that's a problem if --

4 Q. Yeah.

5 A. -- if, so yeah. I -- in my estimation he was probably
6 sleeping.

7 Q. Okay. Is his rack positioned on the actual bridge?

8 A. It is on there. It is on the bridge.

9 Q. Okay, all right. So that's probably the duty standing --
10 duty standards rack in there?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. So typically what the Captain should have been doing is
13 navigating, looking forward as a lookout while the rest of the
14 crew is operating the lone line --

15 A. In the back.

16 Q. -- in the stern, right? Okay. Did you have a discussion
17 with him? Did you yell out for him when you saw the fire?

18 A. I said fire, and he jumped out of his rack.

19 Q. Jumped out of his rack, okay. Did he say anything to you or
20 just started yelling and screaming?

21 A. Just yeah, just pandemonium --

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. -- ensued.

24 LT [REDACTED] What did he do? Did he leave the bridge?

25 MR. FAZEY: I don't know. I left the bridge to get --

1 LT [REDACTED] Okay.

2 MR. FAZEY: -- to tell the crew and get a fire extinguisher.

3 LT [REDACTED] Okay.

4 BY MR. [REDACTED]

5 Q. Did anybody attempt to shut down the electrical power?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. That was not done. That was not done.

9 Q. Okay. Can you describe the fire? Was it tons of black
10 smoke, white smoke, blue smoke?

11 A. To start, there was no smoke.

12 Q. Just flames.

13 A. It was just flames that I could see. And then I started
14 applying the extinguisher, and then it just seemed to start
15 smoking black, heavy.

16 Q. Do you remember what type of extinguisher or what type of
17 agent you were using?

18 A. The standard, I guess. It was not a -- not one with a cone.

19 Q. Mm-hm.

20 A. It was smaller. It was not water.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. So it was whatever the whitest one is.

23 Q. White? White gas looking?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Okay. So probably a multi-purpose?

1 LT [REDACTED] Where did you get that? Did --

2 MR. FAZEY: That was from the galley.

3 LT [REDACTED] So you left the bridge. You went to the
4 galley.

5 MR. FAZEY: I've -- I went to the galley and I -- actually
6 one crew member was coming in. He had no idea what was going on
7 yet. And I said, there's a fire. And I grabbed an extinguisher
8 and ran back to the bridge.

9 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. And you applied agent directly onto the
10 fire.

11 MR. FAZEY: Oh well, not exactly directly. There was a panel
12 in-between, a wooden panel, I think.

13 LT [REDACTED] Okay.

14 BY MR. [REDACTED]

15 Q. So the panel enclosed whatever --

16 A. Was back there. I don't know how much was going on.

17 Q. Got you. Was it --

18 A. I couldn't see exactly.

19 Q. Is this directly under where someone would operate the
20 vessel?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. That is access to underneath all of that.

24 Q. So the throttles, the wheel.

25 A. All that stuff.

1 Q. And you saw flames emitting from that panel.

2 A. Yeah, I saw flames behind the panel, and I don't think they
3 were licking through it yet.

4 Q. Mm-hm.

5 A. But I could see that we had a problem.

6 Q. Okay, okay. Attempted to extinguish the fire with a
7 portable. Did you use the entire cylinder or back out when the
8 smoke was --

9 A. No, I backed out as the smoke came up, and then the next guy
10 came in, who was right behind me.

11 Q. Do you remember who it was?

12 A. He battled.

13 Q. Do you remember who that was? The guy that --

14 A. That was Gerald (ph.).

15 Q. Gerald, okay. Which crew member is that?

16 A. He is the Philippine gentleman.

17 Q. Okay, okay.

18 LT [REDACTED] And did he have an extinguisher, another one
19 portable?

20 MR. FAZEY: Yes, yes.

21 MR. [REDACTED] Did anybody -- do you know if there was
22 firefighting water onboard the vessel? Did -- was there fire
23 hoses available?

24 MR. FAZEY: Fire hoses, per se? No. There were salt water
25 pumps going and we did try that. I don't believe we had enough,

1 quite enough line because that boat is a little bit longer than
2 normal. And so, there was not quite enough hose line. Gerald
3 will know more about that.

4 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

5 MR. FAZEY: He was telling me.

6 MR. [REDACTED] Okay.

7 MR. FAZEY: He did -- he, I believe he did more of the, the
8 fighting of the fire, but I can't be sure because I was on top
9 getting the life raft and stuff.

10 BY LT [REDACTED]

11 Q. So after you -- after the -- Gerald went in, you backed out,
12 you were focusing on the life raft.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And so did you -- where did you go, the fantail or the --

15 A. The life raft is right above, almost right above the
16 wheelhouse, so I decided that it was time to get that as quickly
17 as possible.

18 Q. Okay. And so you got that ready. You -- how did you get it
19 ready? You made sure the fantail --

20 A. I cut the, cut the line that it was connected to the boat,
21 and undid the straps. And me and another guy picked it up and we
22 got it to the side, and then I kind of tied it off there. And
23 then I was like well, the fire was growing bigger. And I was
24 like, no. Let's get it all the way to the back, and so we pulled
25 it off and went all the way. And I had to EPIRB at that time.

1 That's what I grabbed first.

2 Q. And the EPIRB was also on top, right there?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. So you just grabbed it.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. They were in good position to get to.

8 BY MR. [REDACTED]

9 Q. Who made the final decision to leave the vessel?

10 A. The Captain finally said, okay, let's get off. I got in the
11 water early because I had thrown something to try to put it into
12 the life raft and it bounced and went in the water, and it had, it
13 had some stuff that I needed. And so I jumped in right then to
14 get it.

15 Q. So you're saying --

16 A. Well, I did not want to get in the water that soon, but I had
17 to because there was important stuff in there that I needed to --

18 Q. Did it float?

19 A. -- get. Yeah. It floated and I was able to recover it, but
20 I believe, I believe my InReach was in there and that would have
21 allowed me to contact someone, contact anybody and be able to text
22 them.

23 Q. Mm-hm.

24 A. So that was an important thing. I believe it was in that
25 bag, but when it hit the thing, I think it bounced out the --

- 1 Q. Into the --
- 2 A. -- and I did not see it.
- 3 Q. -- you threw the EPIRB in the life raft. It bounced out.
- 4 A. It bounced out.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. And I had -- I said to myself, well, we're going to be
- 7 getting off this ship anyway. I'm going to go in and get that bag
- 8 because it's fairly important.
- 9 Q. Do you remember about what time or how much time had passed
- 10 from the time the fire -- you noticed the fire to the time where
- 11 you entered the water?
- 12 A. Maybe 10 minutes.
- 13 Q. Okay. So they -- you guys -- you attempted to fight the
- 14 first for about 10 minutes.
- 15 A. Me personally?
- 16 Q. Yeah.
- 17 A. I wouldn't say that.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. No. I -- my was the -- mine was the initial --
- 20 Q. Mm-hm.
- 21 A. -- fighting while it was small.
- 22 Q. Mm-hm.
- 23 A. And then my reaction was to prepare to, well, not let the,
- 24 the life raft get damaged in the fire.
- 25 Q. Okay, that makes sense.

1 BY LT [REDACTED]

2 Q. So you backed out. Gerald went in. You went to retrieve the
3 EPIRB and the life raft. You, with somebody else. Who was the
4 other crew member?

5 A. The Fijian gentleman.

6 Q. The Fijian gentleman? Okay. But then you guys went to take
7 that life raft and you took it to the back. And who deployed it,
8 was it you or the Fijian crew member?

9 A. We threw -- we both hauled it over and tossed it out.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Now, it got deploy -- I just wanted it there and be ready to
12 be deployed, but I guess it got strained and it popped --

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. -- and deployed.

15 Q. All right. Then after that, did you go to your rack, your
16 stateroom?

17 A. There was no going back in there. It was very smokey.

18 Q. Because you said you threw a bag in.

19 A. Yeah, I -- okay. When I came -- when I was done. When my
20 first turn got done with the extinguisher, my room was right off
21 there. I went in there and grabbed my phone and my InReach and my
22 camera bag that had another EPIRB in it, had a PLB in it. And
23 that was as much as I could grab or much as I could think to grab.
24 And then I left and started on top with the --

25 Q. On the life raft.

- 1 A. -- life raft.
- 2 Q. So you're saying after the fire you actually went. After the
3 -- Gerald went in, you actually went to your stateroom first then
4 went to do the life raft.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. The, the life -- the EPIRB PL (ph.). So you got the EPIRB
7 from on top of the ship.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. You said you have an InTouch (ph.).
- 10 A. Oh I -- and I grabbed my survival suit that has another EPIRB
11 in it that was right underneath my rack.
- 12 MR. [REDACTED] That's NOAA (ph.) issued? Not --
- 13 MR. FAZEY: It is.
- 14 MR. [REDACTED] --vessel specific?
- 15 LT [REDACTED] Yeah. That was my question, is what was NOAA's
16 -- what was NOAA issued? So you had suit?
- 17 MR. FAZEY: NOAA -- all my safety gear from NOAA was survival
18 suit with an EPIRB. They also provided an InReach and a PLB.
- 19 BY MR. [REDACTED]
- 20 Q. Do you still have all that gear?
- 21 A. I have the PLB and the survival suit and the EPIRB.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. But not the InReach.
- 24 Q. Okay. Did you activate the NOAA EPIRB?
- 25 A. I eventually did because I was using theirs first.

- 1 Q. Mm-hm.
- 2 A. And then at the end, when we were trying to be picked up by
3 the Rubicon and they were signaling, I put that one on too.
- 4 Q. Uh-huh.
- 5 A. So I had two or three going.
- 6 Q. Yeah, yeah, yeah.
- 7 A. To try to really --
- 8 Q. Yeah.
- 9 A. -- pinpoint us.
- 10 Q. Perfect. We're going to -- if possible, we're going to take
11 down the manufacturer information for your PLB and EPIRB.
- 12 A. Mm-hm.
- 13 Q. Just because it's important. I think it really aided with
14 the response.
- 15 A. The --
- 16 Q. Like, we picked up all the signals, so.
- 17 A. Yeah we --
- 18 Q. That doesn't always happen on commercial fishing vessels.
- 19 A. Oh, really?
- 20 Q. So.
- 21 A. The -- their EPIRB was the main one I used first. I guess I
22 trusted it the least, but I used it first. And I also had my, my
23 PLB on at the same time.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. So I was giving two signals to start with. So, theirs is

1 still on the Blue Dragon. I set it up after we went back onboard.

2 I put it at the very top, and so it's still going.

3 Q. Okay. Well, the EPIRB is still on the Blue Dragon? Oh.

4 A. And still --

5 Q. I see.

6 A. -- and still going.

7 Q. Okay. Did --

8 A. That one, but mine I have.

9 Q. Yeah.

10 A. And I did use that one at the end.

11 Q. Did the crew have PLBs?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. So you were the only one with a PLB.

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Okay.

16 BY LT [REDACTED]

17 Q. We were reported multiple PLBs but is that kind of in
18 accurate? So, we have EPIRB on the vessel, the NOAA EPIRB and
19 your PLB. Were there other PLBs or --

20 A. Just the InReach, I believe, was the first one that you guys
21 received. I texted, "fire", and it hit, I think. And that
22 started you guys, at least that's what someone told me if -- maybe
23 it was you, I'm not sure.

24 Q. Well, you know --

25 A. But I know, like I say, it was the guys in the -- it was

- 1 another Coast Guard --
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. -- thing. But --
- 4 Q. Okay. Did you ever speak to the Coast Guard when you were
5 out there? Did they --
- 6 A. No, no, no.
- 7 Q. -- no, okay.
- 8 A. Well, we had no communications because of the fire was on top
9 of our communications.
- 10 Q. Okay, fact-checking a little bit. How long have you been a
11 NOAA observer?
- 12 A. This will be year eight?
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. Nine?
- 15 Q. And how many -- rough estimate, how many commercial vessels
16 have you been on?
- 17 A. Trips? Maybe 50.
- 18 Q. Okay. Are you emergency-response trained? Do they give you
19 guys your --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- okay. So firefighting, abandon ship.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. Did the Captain take control of the emergency
24 procedures? Did he --
- 25 A. I -- he was speaking Vietnamese, so --

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. -- maybe.

3 Q. Okay. Were you able to --

4 MR. MUISE: Was he --

5 MR. [REDACTED] -- oh, go ahead.

6 LT [REDACTED] Was he able to communicate with you in English?

7 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah.

8 MR. FAZEY: Vaguely, I mean. But there was no communication
9 going on between us pretty much, I mean.

10 BY MR. [REDACTED]

11 Q. Okay. Did you have to, did you have to prompt him or, or
12 sort of encourage him to leave the vessel at least?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. So he wanted to try to --

15 A. He was staying on it as long as possible, I think. And I
16 kept saying, you know, I think it's time to, I think it's time to
17 go.

18 Q. Yeah, okay. Going back to the electrical issue. Did -- so
19 we got a report that the mains were still running when you guys
20 left.

21 A. That is right.

22 Q. Okay. So was it one main diesel engine, two? Do you have
23 any --

24 A. One.

25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. I think, maybe two.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. I'm not sure.
- 4 Q. Generator still running?
- 5 A. I believe so.
- 6 Q. Yeah? Okay.
- 7 A. Yeah, the lights weren't working obviously.
- 8 Q. Was --
- 9 A. The engine. The engine room was going.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. And was, was it in neutral or making way?
- 13 A. Neutral.
- 14 Q. Okay. Gear down, or all recovered?
- 15 A. The gear was all out.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. You mean the fishing gear?
- 18 Q. Yeah.
- 19 A. The gear was pretty much all out.
- 20 Q. Okay. Okay. And just backtracking for the vessel-specific
- 21 information. When did you guys -- I, I think I -- I'm
- 22 understanding you guys left Honolulu?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. What date did you guys leave Honolulu?
- 25 A. Do you have a calendar?

- 1 Q. I can bring one up on the phone. Let's see.
- 2 A. October 25.
- 3 Q. So Monday, October 25th?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. Okay. And what was the vessel's route? Were you guys going
6 to somewhere, or just fishing and going back to Honolulu?
- 7 A. We were planning to offload in Long Beach, so we went
8 through, found a spot. It was rough the day before so this was
9 lucky that it happened on a calm day. And we were -- so we waited
10 that little squall out and --
- 11 Q. Yeah, I saw the pictures from the rescue. And the sea
12 conditions were favorable. Made it look like a lake out there.
- 13 A. Maybe if it will -- if it had happened 24 hours earlier I
14 don't think we all would have made it.
- 15 Q. Really? Unbelievable. Okay, so left Honolulu on the 25th.
16 HMS fishing for swordfish only?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Okay. And that's 100 percent observed but --
- 19 A. It is.
- 20 Q. -- okay. Based on your experience as an observer, crew
21 competency with this particular crew. On a scale of one to 10,
22 from your experience?
- 23 A. Total crew:
- 24 Q. Mm-hm.
- 25 A. Because there are a few -- well, one in particular, I would

1 give him high marks. The rest I would give very low marks.

2 Q. Who is that? The --

3 A. Gerald.

4 Q. Gerald is the Filipino.

5 A. (Indiscernible).

6 Q. Okay. Competency-wise, as far as emergency response
7 procedures, you think low.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. Did they run any drills when you, when you guys got
10 underway?

11 A. No. We are -- they -- our mandate is if we are at sea for a
12 full calendar month --

13 Q. Mm-hm.

14 A. -- then they must run drills.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. So that's not just 30 days. You could go, you could go 45,
17 50 days and still not run a drill because it isn't -- wasn't a
18 full calendar month.

19 Q. That's weird, but yeah.

20 LT [REDACTED] Hm, okay.

21 MR. FAZEY: That give them an out.

22 MR. [REDACTED] Yeah, that makes sense.

23 BY MR. [REDACTED]

24 Q. Okay. Emergency gear for the crew. Do you remember what
25 everybody donned, prior to abandoning ship? Was everybody in an

1 emergent suit?

2 A. Could not get to those.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. They did not have theirs.

5 Q. Do you remember where they were stored?

6 A. They were stored underneath the -- they were in the foxhole
7 underneath the deck.

8 LT [REDACTED] But you had yours, you said.

9 MR. FAZEY: Mine was close to my rack because that's where I
10 put it.

11 MR. [REDACTED] Mm-hm, okay.

12 BY MR. [REDACTED]

13 Q. Were they wearing life jackets?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. That's where those were stored as well, underneath the --

17 Q. Okay. So literally, other than the NOAA-issued gear there
18 was no lifesaving gear donned by any other crew member.

19 A. No, that's correct.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Well, I also had my floatable device as well. But I didn't
22 do it. I just had it.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. Put it in the life raft.

25 Q. Okay. Did this ship recover the life raft?

- 1 A. They did, but they didn't pull it onboard.
- 2 Q. Oh, okay.
- 3 A. It's floating out there.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. I've notified the Coast Guard of that.
- 6 Q. Thank you. Yeah, we were going to get the model from that.
- 7 A. It's out there.
- 8 Q. Yeah. I doubt we'll get that. Anything else that you can
9 think of that would help us try to figure out cause? Was there
10 any discernible odor of the fire other than just smoke?
- 11 A. Not that I smelled.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. It was all sight. I did not. I mean, maybe I smelled it in
14 subconsciously or something, but it was all sight.
- 15 LT [REDACTED] You said the lights went out in the -- you said
16 they were -- you couldn't see obviously? Or did you --
- 17 MR. FAZEY: Through the smoke.
- 18 LT [REDACTED] Okay, okay. All right.
- 19 BY MR. [REDACTED]
- 20 Q. I know you had mentioned when I asked about the engine, you
21 said the lights were --
- 22 A. Oh, when we came back.
- 23 Q. -- yeah.
- 24 A. There were no lights on.
- 25 Q. Okay. So when you guys abandoned the vessel, about you said

1 -- so you got of 10 minutes after you noticed the fire. What time
2 did the crew get off the vessel?

3 A. Maybe another 10.

4 Q. Okay, so about 20 minutes after discovering the fire you guys
5 abandoned.

6 A. I would say that's correct.

7 Q. Okay. How long did -- so you guys stayed tied off to the
8 vessel?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. I made sure we were tied off. They were wanting to cut. I
12 was like, no. Just play the line out and stick with the vessel.

13 Q. That makes sense, yeah.

14 A. Yeah.

15 Q. Did you -- did anybody get back onboard the Pacific -- or,
16 the Blue Dragon?

17 A. Not, not until the next morning, then we went back onboard
18 and they put some water on it and stuff.

19 Q. Okay. So that entire night did you guys see flames?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Oh.

22 A. It burned the whole night.

23 Q. Just --

24 LT [REDACTED] So that entire night you were watching this
25 thing burn?

1 MR. FAZEY: Yes.

2 BY MR. [REDACTED]

3 Q. Did the flames, were they -- did they stay in the pilot house
4 or did they --

5 A. No, they went all the way through.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. It went all the way to the back, the -- it went to the -- it
8 went all the way to the back where the reels are, and it burned
9 one of the reels down, made it like, you know, melting spaghetti.

10 Q. Melted, yeah. Okay. Any windows blow out?

11 A. All of them.

12 Q. Any explosions? Oh so you guys, you witnessed the windows
13 blowing out.

14 A. I don't know if I heard them blow out, but they cracked out.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. And there was flames coming out of the --

17 Q. Coming out of the windows.

18 A. -- portals.

19 Q. Okay. You guys were far enough away to not be exposed to
20 that radiant heat?

21 A. That's -- well, we did touch it a little bit at first, and
22 then we got far enough and we were -- luckily we were being pulled
23 that way and the boat was going that way.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. And the, the smoke was going away from us.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. Which was good.

3 LT [REDACTED] Did you take any pictures?

4 MR. FAZEY: My camera got wet, and my other camera didn't
5 work, so no.

6 LT [REDACTED] Okay. When the Nord Rubicon picked you guys
7 up, they took some photographs, and we saw -- it was foggy. But
8 we saw basically white, blowing smoke coming out of the pilot
9 house?

10 MR. FAZEY: Mm-hm. They were fighting the fire -- they were
11 fighting the residuals of the fire at that time, so that was
12 probably --

13 MR. [REDACTED] Who?

14 MR. FAZEY: The crew. The crew had got back onboard and
15 started applying water.

16 BY LT [REDACTED]

17 Q. And when was that, by the morning?

18 A. That was in the morning, once the sun came up and we felt
19 like there was -- the fire was pretty much just --

20 Q. Okay, like 7:00, 6:30 or 8:00?

21 A. Hawaiian time, so.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. So that's another thing. Those times I told you are Hawaiian
24 standard.

25 MR. [REDACTED] Oh, I see.

1 LT [REDACTED] Okay.

2 MR. FAZEY: So, it's plus two for here.

3 MR. [REDACTED] I think plus three or -- no, because we just
4 went back to --

5 MR. FAZEY: Two just.

6 MR. [REDACTED] -- yes, that's right. Okay. All right, we'll
7 adjust that, so.

8 LT [REDACTED] Local sunup basically.

9 BY MR. [REDACTED]

10 Q. So it looked to us like they, they successfully extinguished
11 the fire.

12 A. I -- it was pretty much out. I mean, there was just, you
13 know, some lingering smoke. Well, they extinguished it. They --
14 it was extinguished before, I mean, they just kind of finished it
15 up.

16 Q. So it had burned all the fuel that it could find.

17 A. That it could find.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. But the engine, it never reached the engine room as far as
21 you --

22 A. Right. I asked Gerald. You can ask Gerald, he said that the
23 engine room looked good --

24 Q. Interesting.

25 A. -- when he went down there. I didn't go in when they were

1 doing that, I just was like, (indiscernible).

2 Q. So it burned the navigation bridge, all of the
3 accommodations.

4 A. All the, all the racks. All the, the galley.

5 Q. Okay. And then the -- some of the fantail.

6 A. Yeah.

7 Q. Okay, okay. Do you have any -- actually, Marcel (ph.), do
8 you have any questions that we may have missed?

9 MR. MUISE: Just one if you don't mind. And for the record,
10 this is Marcel Muise, so (indiscernible) and NTSB. Excuse me.

11 Was there anything stored underneath that console, like paint
12 or paper or anything else that may have

13 MR. [REDACTED] We'll try to get the (indiscernible).

14 MR. FAZEY: I wouldn't be able to say. I didn't inspect it,
15 so I don't know what was under there.

16 MR. MUISE: Okay, thank you, Chris (ph.). That's all I have
17 here.

18 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. Marcel, we're going to -- we'll probably
19 hang up with you and then we're going to interview the Captain
20 next. I'm going to try to coordinate a translator.

21 MR. MUISE: Okay.

22 MR. [REDACTED] Bear with me for that.

23 MR. MUISE: Yep. Take your time.

24 MR. [REDACTED] Okay. And we'll give you a call back.

25 MR. MUISE: Okay. Thanks from all of us.

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