



## National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594  
Office of Marine Safety

### Interview Summary

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**Meeting with:** Dr. Mohammad H Shar, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Hampton  
Patricia Parker, Claims Manager, City of Hampton

**Date/time:** November 27, 2019 10:30 EST

**Location:** James T. Wilson Pier House, Hampton, Virginia

**Interviewed by:** Marcel L. Muise, NSTB and LT [REDACTED], USCG

**In attendance:** Mr. Dan Stillman, counsel to City of Hampton – Party in interest

**Case:** DCA20FM004

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- Hurricane Isabel destroyed the original wooden pier in 2003.
- The existing pier opened in June 2009 and was built on the footprint of the original pier.
- The pier serves recreational fishing and tourist traffic. There's no commercial mooring service.
- The pier cost \$2.5 million including a VMRC grant of \$750,000.
- Coastal was working for the city on the jetty at the entrance to the Salt Ponds and dredging inside Salt Ponds.
- The barge hit the observation pier, destroying one wood piling, then landed on a breakwater.
- The barge floated on the tide and drifted into the fishing pier.
- The pier is normally open 24/7 but was closed Saturday evening due to weather.
- An employee arrived at the pier at 05:45 to open the pier. First responders were already on scene.
- The barge made contact at 09:17.
- Two supports supporting the first and second spans were destroyed as were three pilings under the pier house.
- The barge was recovered at 15:00 on Monday.
- Each span is 40 feet.