



U.S. COAST GUARD SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER ACTIVITY

Matter Investigated: FIRE – (F/V) MASTER DYLAN, PIA 7104646, IIA 7105147
Vessel: (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II

Interview Of: Crewmember from the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II, Dong Duy Dao, Cindy Nguyen
Date/Time: 03 December 2020 (at approximately) Time 1150 am
Location: 244 AJ Estay Rd, Golden Meadow, LA 70357
Interviewed By: LT [REDACTED] and LCDR [REDACTED]

On Thursday, December 3rd, 2020, at approximately 0950 MSU Houma IO division was notified that the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II was in port at 244 AJ Estay Rd, Golden Meadow, LA 70357. MSU HOUMA Marine Investigation Officers (IO) LT [REDACTED] and LCDR [REDACTED] departed MSU Houma shortly after receiving the notification and headed to the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II's location. Once at the vessel, the MSU Houma IO's interviewed crewmember Dong Duy Dao who was onboard the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II when they were contacted on Tuesday, December 1st around 0800 to pick up the crew members of the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN who had an engine room fire. The crewmembers had already been retrieved by the nearby Good Samaritan vessel, (F/V) JOHNNY LE. The (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II picked up the four (04) crewmembers at approximately 1000-1100 on December 1st. Shortly after picking up the four (04) crewmembers, the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II placed the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN in tow around 1100 for about one hour until the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN ran aground. After this occurred, the tow operations ceased and the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II remained on scene overnight with the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN. On December 2nd, the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II departed the vicinity of the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN and arrived in port around 1600 the same day. The crew members from the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN departed the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II and took a rental car back to Texas.

On Friday, December 4th, 2020, a phone interview was conducted with the crew members onboard the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN. The interview was translated by the vessel owner's daughter, Cindy Nguyen. MSU Port Arthur IO's were present with the crew members at [REDACTED], Sabine, TX for the interview and collected information for crew member identification and a diagram of the engine room layout. LCDR [REDACTED], Senior Investigating Officer from MSU Houma and Captain [REDACTED] from the National Transportation Safety Board were present on the call.

Translated By Cindy Nguyen: The (F/V) MASTER DYLAN went underway on Sunday, 29th, 2020 from the Dustin Gulf Seafood Dock in Texas at approximately 1300 local time enroute to fishing grounds in Louisiana. According to the Master on Tuesday, December 1st, 2020 at approximately 0730 local time near the vicinity of Cat Island Pass, the Master conducted a round of the engine room prior to lowering the fishing nets onboard the vessel. No issues were identified during the engine room round. Wind speeds were approximately 5-7 mph from the east with 1 foot seas. Approximately 5-7 minutes after the engine room check, the Master heard a loud explosion while he was inside the wheelhouse that came from the engine room. The Master utilized a fire extinguisher located in the hallway of the vessel



to put out the fire in the engine room but the fire was uncontrollable. The Master activated the EPIRB and went out on deck where the crew was tending to the fishing nets and instructed them to dawn their lifejackets, lift the fishing nets and proceed to the stern of the vessel. No fire drill was conducted before the voyage. After the explosion occurred, there was power available to lift the nets out of the water. Steering and propulsion were not tested after the explosion. About 1 mile off the stern of the vessel, the (F/V) JOHNNY LE made their way over to the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN and transferred (04) four crew members from the stern of the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN. Once onboard the (F/V) JOHNNY LE, the Master from the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN hailed the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II on the radio and requested assistance. The crew of the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN remained onboard the (F/V) JOHNNY LE for approximately 1-1.5 hours until the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II arrived on-scene and transferred the crew. While onboard the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II, the Offshore Supply Vessel (OSV) FMS COURAGE (Official Number 1075883) who was in the vicinity attempted to fight the fire onboard the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN using their fire pumps and departed scene shortly after. Once the flames were no longer visible and only smoke could be seen, (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II pulled alongside the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN and placed the vessel in tow to bring it closer to shore. When the (F/V) MASTER DYLAN was in tow, the vessel became grounded and the fire onboard re-flashed. The (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II released tow and remained on-scene overnight until approximately 1100 local time on December 2, 2020, when the (F/V) MASTER DUSTIN II to transited in to Fourchon, LA and arrived 1600 local time.

 , Lieutenant, USCG
SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR

07 December 2020
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