



U.S. COAST GUARD WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

Witness Name: IVAN DRUZHINIC (Please Print Clearly)  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: MASTER  
Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
License/Doc. #: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I WAS ON THE BRIDGE WHILE TRANSITING MISSISSIPPI RIVER. AT 0305 PILOT CHANGED, WITH NEW PILOT INFORMATION EXCHANGED. CONFIRMED TO PILOT THAT ALL EQUIPMENT WORKING PROPERLY. WE PROCEED TO FINAL DESTINATION. AFTER I WENT FOR TOILET FOR FEW MINUTES. WHEN I CAME BACK ON THE BRIDGE I SAW PILOT AND DUTY OFFICER ~~TRY~~ TRYING TO SWITCH STEERING TO HFU. WHEN IT WAS CLEAR THAT RUDDER IS NOT RESTORING, PILOT REQUEST ENGINE FULL ASTERN, TRIED TO MAKE VHF CONTACT WITH SOMEONE, ALSO USING SHIP'S HORN. ~~WENT~~ IN VERY SHORT TIME WE GIVE ORDER TO BOSUN ON FORWARD TO LET GO ANCHORS. PORT ANCHOR RELEASED. AT THAT TIME EMERGENCY STOP BUTTON PUSHED IN ORDER TO REDUCE IMPACT. VESSEL MADE CONTACT WITH SHORE INSTALLATION AND BARGE. CREW ADVISED TO MAKE ALL CHECKS, SOUNDING OF BALLAST AND FUEL TANKS.

I have read my statement as documented above (and, if applicable, on continuation pages), and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.

SIGNATURE

DATE

12<sup>th</sup> July 2021