

On March 27, 2023, I Petty Officer [REDACTED] was the Vessel Traffic Watch Stander. I received a call from the ITV Queen City on channel 13 saying that he was above 12-mile island at 11:47 PM. I informed the ITV that he was going to meet the Mackenzie rose and suggested that he makes passing arrangements. Once I collected information on his TOW and passed him information he transited down bound through the various checkpoints. As he approached LWW I asked him to stop above LWW wait for the upbound traffic to clear the bridges and allow the L&I to go into the up position. When the L&I went up the ITV was allowed to continue transit downbound. As the ITV made his approach to the L&I at approximately 2:19 AM on the 28th of March he seemed to not be able to have a wide enough angle and his vessel drift into the McAlpine Van Dyke. It was evident that he bounced off the Dyke in the video, but it was not clear that barges immediately broke away. I panned the Cameras and was able to follow the ITV backing up where it appeared he still had his tow, a few minutes later he hailed out to the Yvonne Conway and stated, "Hey man I'm in a mess down here, I lost two of them." I panned my camera to the right and notice that two barges were floating. I watched the ITV try to retrieve his barges and listened to his transmissions on the radio before I informed the Command Center that they should be expecting a call on Channel 16. The next step I took was to call the L&I railroad bridge to make sure that they were aware. The ITV called the command center and reported the break away and told them that he had now lost 10 barges. In the next hours following I worked along with the command center to call around and figure out where the barges were located. I was informed of 1 barge being pushed up against the L&I, Initially McAlpine lock and dam stated that they had an eye on one barge headed towards the dam. Around 4:30 AM on the Paul G Blazer while speaking with McAlpine lock and Dam the Blazer stated that there were numerous barges floating around and one that nearly sank at McBride's fleet. The Paul G Blazer stated that there were several vessels helping to retrieve the barges. After I heard that interaction, I called the McAlpine lock and dam to inquire about the barges, they informed me that the barges had made it to the dam, and he could see three pushed against the dam in which he thought were two corn and one empty red flag. After speaking with the Lock and Dam I was able to obtain McBride's fleet phone number and pass that information to the Operations Unit. The last interaction I had was at 4:44 AM with the L&I railroad bridge director acknowledging that there was one barge lodged up against their pier, and he wanted to know if it was fine that trains were allowed to transit. I consulted with the SU and informed him that was not the Coast Guard's jurisdiction and I will let him know if we need to coordinate with any vessel traffic.

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