



U.S. COAST GUARD WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Witness Name: NIKHIL MAHAJAN Employer Name: V ships
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone No: _____ Phone No: _____
 Position: CHIEF OFFICER License/Doc. # _____

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

TO WHOMSOEVER MAY BE CONCERN

Subject: Statement of fact by chief officer

DEAR ALL,

DATE/PLACE: 27TH MARCH 2023/CONVENT, USA

This is to notify all concerned parties, regarding break away incident at Convent, USA on 27th Mar 2023.

On 26th march 2023, vessel moored alongside at CMT with 16 lines (4+2+2 F and A), with breast lines looping around and returning to vessel. Ropes used for the mooring were as following:

1. 28 mm UHMPE ropes from mooring drums – 10nos
2. 56 mm Synthetic fiber ropes (additional) – 6nos

Please see attached diagram.

On 27th March around 0150 2nd officer called me to notify that intermediate draft survey may be in another 40-45 minutes. While I was getting ready around 0210 LT Master made announcement 'ALL CREW ON DECK'. Considering that this may be an emergency situation, I grabbed my radio, came to ships office and wore my safety shoes and safety helmet. Same time I grabbed radio given by terminal. Terminal was telling to tighten lines as vessel was moving away from jetty. But we were already trying to do that. I started running toward forward from Port side. When I was around hold no 4 or 5, I heard over radio Master ordering 'Let go anchor'. When I reached forward, I found vessel already dropped starboard anchor and all forward rope were paid out. After that we followed master's orders and act accordingly.
 Above statement is true & to best of my knowledge.

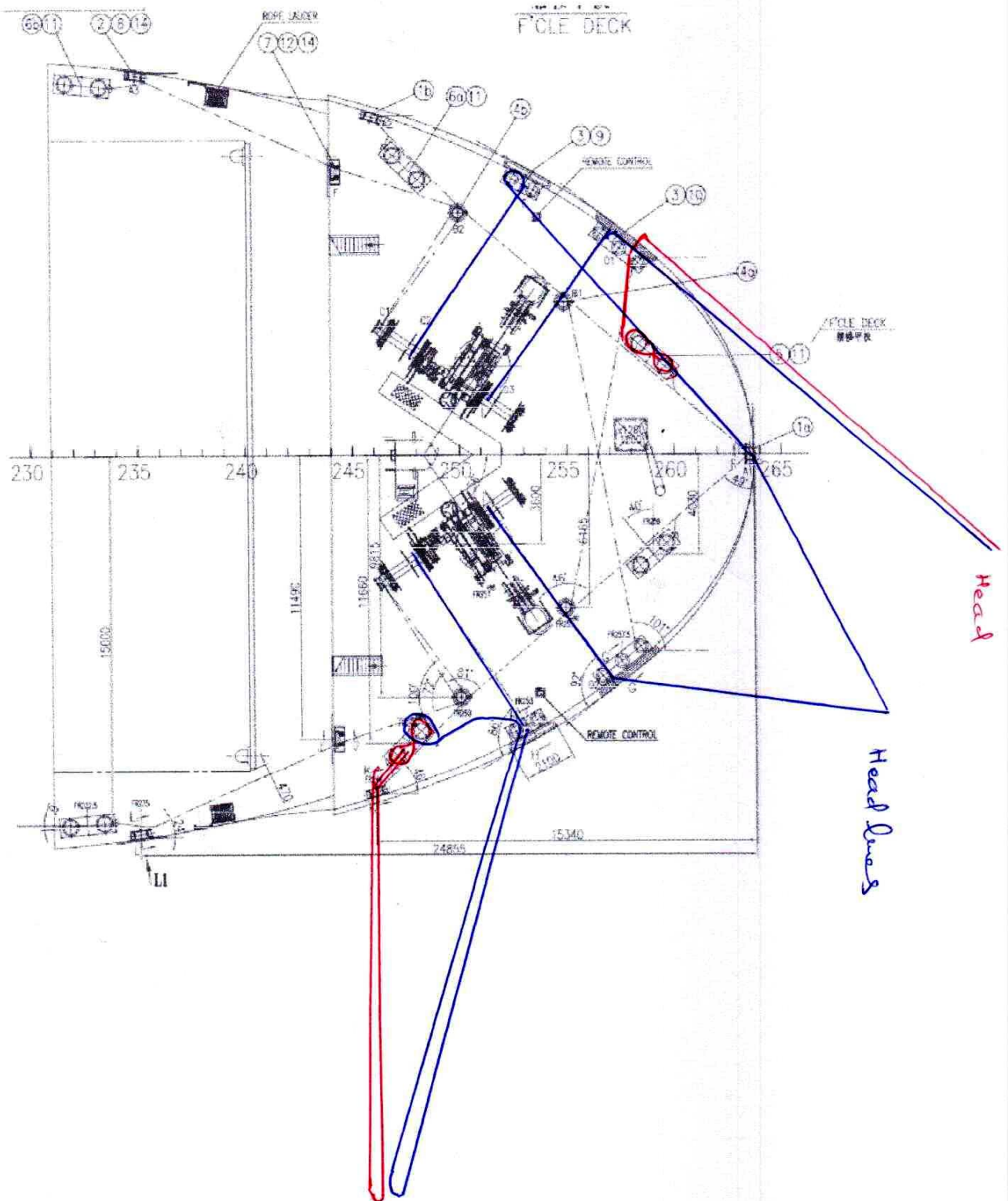
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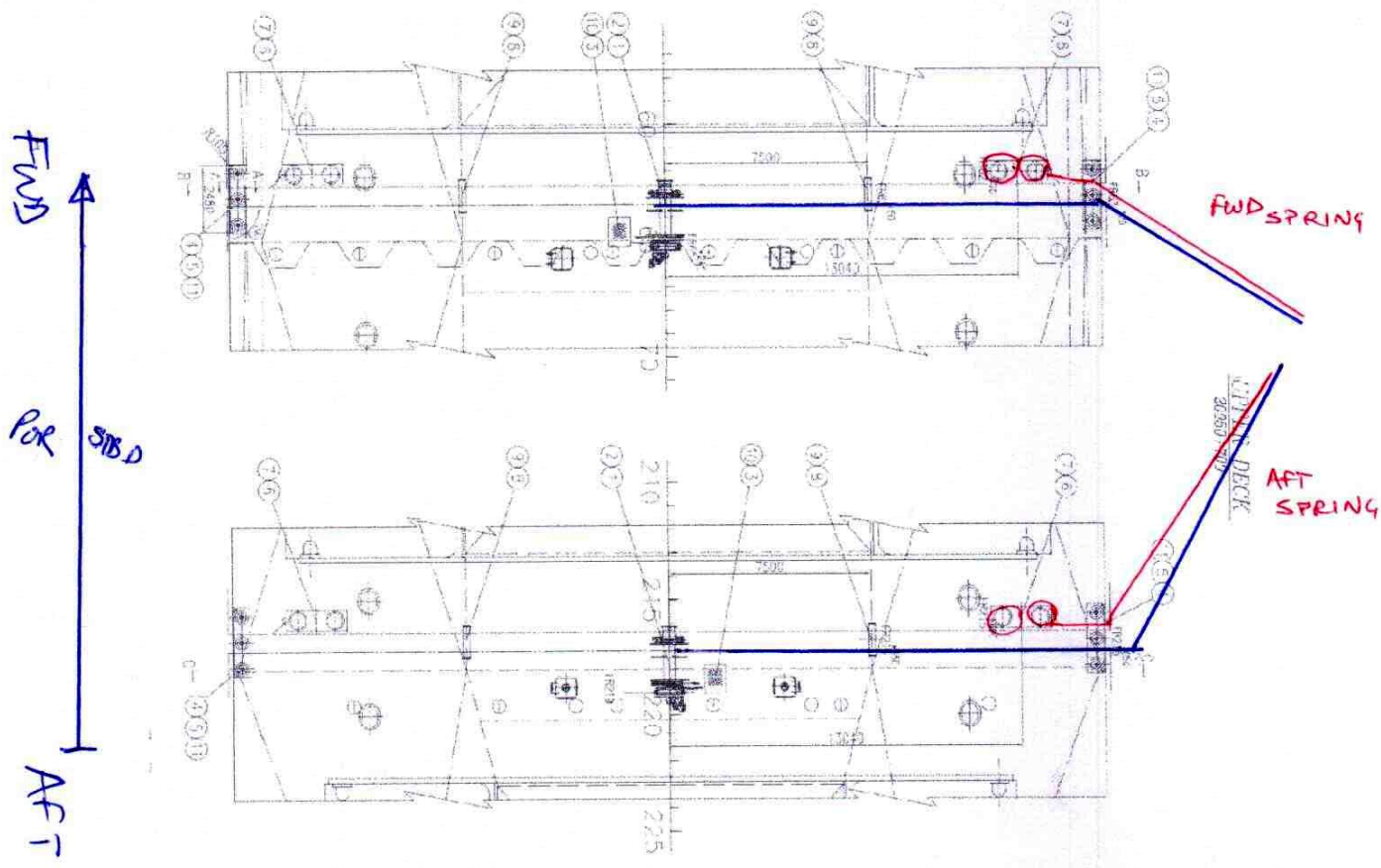
I have read my statement as documented above (and, if applicable, on continuation pages), and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.

SIGNATURE

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

27 MAR 2023
 DATE





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