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U.S. COAST GUARD INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Subject: BARATARIA BRIDGE- ALLISION

Interview of: Grant M Daigle (Capt of the George C)

Date/Time: 0230 23NOV20

Phone: N/A

MMLD: 2758053

Interviewed by: LT [REDACTED]

Others Present:

Interviewer Summary:

Grant M Daigle has worked as a Capt for 15 years.

His job was the tailboat. He is responsible for the stop and slow down of the vessel when coming through the bridge. As the bridge evolution started, the Capt of the other vessel called the bridge tender to see what side they had to take because he had not been in this part of the MS in the last 20 years and was not sure what span to take and the lady said to take the left one. The Capt of the other vessel asked twice and the lady confirmed left.

Both vessels turned to line up with the span and come at the bridge at a 45 degree angle. He kept pushing forward even though the other Capt was not communicating with him on what the situation was unfolding to be. He could not see anything in front of the big cement structures on the barges they were pushing. The only communication he received was the Capt of the other boat to tell him to slow down and told him that the bridge was not fully open and that he took his speed off instead of still pulling forward. Immediate he stopped backing and started pushing forward to try to steer the barges away from the bridge but it was too late. After the hit, the ITV George C turned sideways and was able to see the bridge and saw it was not open all the way but was not sure if it was from the allision or not.

Grant M Daigle affirms this statement is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge.

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