



U.S. COAST GUARD WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Witness Name: CAPT. PRADIP KUMAR THAKUR Employer Name: VSHIPS INDIA
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone No: _____ Phone No: _____
 Position: MASTER License/Doc. # _____

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

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT ON 27TH MARCH 2023 AT 0150LT ,2ND OFFICER ON DUTY CALLED ME ON PHONE TELLING THAT SHIP IS ALMOST ABOUT ONE AND HALF METER AWAY FROM THE BERTH AND NOT COMING ALONGSIDE BY TIGHTENING THE MOORING ROPES . IMMEDIATELY I CAME ON BRIDGE AND CALLED AGENT ON HIS MOBILE NUMBER TO ARRANGE TUGBOAT TO ASSIST VESSEL IMMEDIATELY. MEANTIME INFORMED ENGINEER TO KEEP ENGINE READY. I ALSO INSTRUCTED 2ND OFFICER TO KEEP TIGHTENING FORWARD ROPES TO MAINTAIN THE VESSEL . HOWEVER I NOTICED FROM THE BRIDGE BOW STARTED COMING OUT AND I MADE EMERGENCY CALL ON THE PUBLIC ADDRESSER TO ALL CREW . THEREAFTER FOUND ALL FORWARD ROPES GETTING PAID OUT FAST AND VESSEL STARTED SWINGING TO PORT AND ROPES GETTING PARTED FROM FORWARD TO AFT . I MADE A CALL TO MARINE SUPER/DPA . IMMEDIATELY I INFORMED FORWARD TO LET GO THE STARBOARD ANCHOR I CALLED THIRD OFFICER AND ONE AB ON THE BRIDGE AND MEAN TIME AT 0220HRS ENGINE ON STANDBY AND FIRST TUG CAME FOR ASSISTANCE AT 0222HRS . THE TUG STARTED PUSHING FROM PORTSIDE AS IT WAS DRIFTING TO PORT TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER . DUE TO THE TUG PUSHING HARD FROM PORT SIDE VESSEL STARTED MOVING FAST TO STARBOARD SIDE CAUSING VESSEL TO MOVE TO STARBOARD SIDE AND MADE CONTACT ON THE BARGE ON JETTY.
 0305HRS PILOT BOARDED VESSEL AND ADVISED VESSEL WILL PROCEED TO GRANDVIEW ANCHORAGE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION .
 VESSEL ANCHORED AT 0712 LT WITH TWO ANCHOR .

SEE ATTACHED TIMELINE OF EVENTS

ABOVE STATEMENT GIVEN WITH FULL FAITH .

[Redacted signature area]

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.

[Redacted signature]
SIGNATURE

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16:18hrs. – POB

16:30hrs. – Commenced Heaving Anchor/SBE

17:12Hrs- Anchor Sighted & Clear (Vsl Proceeding to Convent)

22:26 hrs. – Tug Made Fast FWD

22:28hrs. – Tug Made Fast AFT

23:30hrs. – 1st Line Ashore

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00:40hrs. Assisting /pushing Tug fast Port side Fwd

01:00 hrs.- All Fast 4+2+2 FWD & AFT

01:15hrs. Assisting /pushing Tug fast Port side Aft

01:30 hrs.- Gangway Down

03:00hrs.- Commence Loading # 3

13:15hrs – Aft Tug Cast Off

15:00hrs – FWD tug Cast Off

Mar. 27.

0150: 2/off Called given to C/O for 30 mins notice of completion of cargo.

0150: 2/off Called Master Informed vessel is out of position.

0152: Sent AB+OS to close hatch NO 3 &4, open vents/2nd off at gangway.

0155: Master called agent for tugboat assistance immediately

0200: Complete closing of hatch NO 3 &4.

0210: Master instructed to Heave Fwd. Lines.

02:10: 2nd off + AB proceeding to forward stations.

0210: Announcement made on PA system for all crew on deck

0215:2/off Reached fwd. and noticed that the brakes were not holding and the drum was paying out under tension (Headlines).

0216: 2/off Tried to tighten the brake but sparks were coming out of the brake liner and Burnt smell.

Also noted that the bow started coming out very quickly and all the ropes were paid out.

0220: As per master's instruction Let go Stbd Anchor.

0220: STBY Engines

0222: First Tug came for assistance

0225: C/off Dropped anchor on the port side.

0230: Second Tug came for assistance.

0250: Touched Barge Stbd Side.

0305: POB.

0315: Tug made fast Port Bow (Tugs Line).

0315-0355: Picking up Parted Lines from the water.

0355: Tug made fast from Aft Centre Lead (Tugs Line).

0356: Tug made fast Stbd side abreast of CH NO 1.

0358: Commence picking up stbd anchor (1 shackle in water).

0401: Stbd Anchor Clear of water Level/Ready for let go.

0403: Commence heaving up port anchor (8 Shackle in water).

0430: Port anchor clear of water Line/Ready for Let go.

0431: Vessel proceeding to Grandview anchorage.

0452: Aft tugs Let go.

0455: Forward tug Let go from abreast of CH NO 1 and again re-positioned to Stbd Bow.

0600: Vessel arrived at Grandview anchorage.

0610: Stbd Tug Let Go.

0614: Start Lowering port anchor on Gear in pos.:30*02.42" N 090*41.28" W
0615:1 Shackle on Deck, Cable up & down.
0617: 2 Shackle on Deck, Cable up & down.
0618: 3 Shackle on Deck, Cable up & down.
0619: 4 Shackle on Deck, Cable up & down.
0620: 5 Shackle on Deck, Cable up & down.
0621: 6 Shackle on Deck, Cable up & down.
0623: Port anchor brought up to 7 Shackle in water/Breaks tight/Bar Down.
0625: Let go Stbd anchor by gravity in pos: 30* 02.35" N 090*41.30" W.
0635: Stbd anchor brought up to 4 shackles in water/Breaks tight/Bar Down.
0640: Port anchor Picked up to 6 shackles on Deck/Breaks tight/Bar Down.
0645: Stby Tug Made Fast on Port Bow. (Tugs Line)
0712: Pilot Away/FWE

MASTER/SIROCCO