

Supplemental Summary of Witness Statement: LCDR [REDACTED]

Date Statement Given: 19 Sep 07
Witness Name: LCDR Steve Bosau, USCG
Unit: MSST 91111 (Seattle)
Date/Time/Place of Incident: 25 Mar 07
Position: Prior Commanding Officer of MSST 91111

I conducted a follow up phone conversation with LCDR [REDACTED].

I asked if he believed his coxswains operated their small boats as they were training at SMTC. He stated he believed that they were following the training they had received. I asked if they had created any new doctrine or tactics that are currently not part of the SMTC training curriculum. He said that they did not. He said unit training is essentially practicing the techniques that were formally taught at the school house.

I asked him what formal direction did he provide his teams in regards to dealing with specific threats, how he directed his crews to maintain deterrence, and how they should conduct escorts. In the pre - deployment brief, he stated that he expected the boats to provide an overt presence, to not be complacent, to rely and operate based on their formal training, to change speeds and distance from the HVA/Ferry, but did not specifically mention turns.

I asked how he communicated the safety messages captured in COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC //O// 301916Z SEP 05, COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON //G-OCS// 162138Z DEC 05 and COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC //G-RCB// 182011Z SEP 06. He stated that with all safety messages his procedure was to pass this info to CWO [REDACTED] to pass to all coxswains and that this word would also be passed during quarters. He and the operations officer would also reinforce the policy guidance.

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Dated: [REDACTED]

The supplemental summary above was reconstructed from notes and is factually accurate.