

Interview summary into PO Gill death
Subject: [REDACTED] **Captain of escorted Ferry Tillikum)**
Cell: [REDACTED]

Conducted April 2, 2007

Capt [REDACTED] has been a professional mariner for 24 years. I asked him to recap what he observed during the day in question and how the escort boat activity compared to other escorts.

He stated approximately a year and a half ago this passengers made some comments on the maneuvers being exercised by the small boat escorts. He raised the concern specifically, the close proximity of the escort boats and their radical maneuvers during his SMS audit conducted roughly 1.5 years earlier. This concern was passed on to his port captain and on to the U.S. Coast Guard. After that, the escorts became less aggressive, meaning the boats would intercept and run alongside and were for the most part unnoticed.

The day before the mishap, Saturday 24 March, Tillikum's Mate [REDACTED] observed what he observed the escort boats being more aggressive with their maneuvers. On the day of the incident, Capt Standard observed the escort maneuvers and categorized them as hot dogging iot. He said he even silently thought to himself that the guy in the bow must really have to hang on. There was no communication with the small boat other than the normal check in. He did not witness the man over board.

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Summary of Witness Statement: [REDACTED] Ferry Board Passenger on Thursday 22
March 07

Date Statement Given:

12 April 07

Witness Name:

[REDACTED] Ferry Boat Passenger

Unit:

Civilian who has commuted by ferry for 18 years

Phone number: [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] called in after hearing about the Mishap. She stated she has commuted on the Fauntleroy/Vashon ferry for 18 years. She knew that the security escorts have been operating only for the last 5 years. She said on Thursday the 22nd she observed the Coxswain operating his vessel in a very aggressive manner, including running at the ferry and turning perhaps 5 feet from it. In her opinion as an observer she felt perhaps the coxswain was trying to initiate a new gunner. She said the gunner was holding on tight with both hands. The small boat was zipping between the ferry and pier. She said she saw of no other boats that could be a threat and didn't recall if there was a separate boat and did not see the boat hull number. At the time she thought to herself that this behavior seemed extremely dangerous.

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