

BM3 [REDACTED]

Below is a summary of interview of BM3 [REDACTED], USCG, conducted by the AIM informal board on August 23, 2006 concerning the diving incident which resulted in two deaths on August 17, 2006. AIM board members present at the interview were Captain [REDACTED], LCDR [REDACTED], and LCDR [REDACTED].

BM3 [REDACTED] stated that he has been aboard CGC HEALY since [REDACTED]. This is his first deployment. He is a qualified [REDACTED] and works for the deck department.

The first time BM3 [REDACTED] heard of a possible dive operation was the afternoon of 17 August 2006. BM2 Duque said he was going to dive and asked if someone could take his watch that afternoon.

Later that day, during the 16-1800 watch, BM3 [REDACTED] helped look for ice suitable for the ship to hove-to for ice liberty. Eventually, the bridge watch found a location and BMCS [REDACTED] maneuvered the ship into location. Ice liberty was piped sometime in the afternoon.

In response to questions, BM3 [REDACTED] stated the following. He stood watch as JOOD but was never informed of dive operations. There was no plan or check off sheet routed to the bridge. He thinks he may have been told at one point during his watch to ensure the dive team had a radio on site, but he's not sure they obtained one.

BM2 [REDACTED] relieved BM3 [REDACTED] of the later half of his JOOD watch so he could participate in ice liberty. BM3 [REDACTED] went to the ice and had two beers. Diving is not part of the JOOD qualification process. There is no ice liberty checklist.

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