

Statement of Sammy Hamilton III

Everglades National Park Boat Tours

December 31, 2002

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PRIVACY ACT

The officer investigating this marine casualty wishes to collect your name, address, telephone and place of employment. In order to collect this private information, the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552A(e)(3)) requires that you be informed, the primary purpose for which the Coast Guard will use this information, any secondary purposes for the information and whether your disclosure of this information is required by law or is voluntary.

1. **Authority:** The investigating officer, as a Federal Law Enforcement Officer (14 U.S.C. 93(e)) is requesting this information pursuant to the authority contained in 46 United States Code 6301.
2. **Principal Purpose for this Information:** The statement you provide to the investigating officer will be used to determine the cause of this marine casualty. Your name, address and information is needed or to clarify certain aspects of your statement. Your identify and contact information is needed in order to use your statement at any administrative proceeding which may result from this investigation.
3. **Other uses for this Private Information:** No other uses are intended for your private information.
4. **The Disclosure of your Personal Information is Voluntary.**

Statement made by: Sammy Hamilton III Occupation: owner
Address: 970 14th ave NE Naples, FL Zip: 34120
Telephone: (Home) 239-354-0178 Business: _____
Time & Date of Occurrence: December 30, 2002 2:55 pm
Location: Indian Key Pass

Understanding all these rights, and having received no threats, promises of reward or immunity, I voluntarily waive my rights as stated above and make the following statement:

Sammy Hamilton III 12/31/02
Signature Date
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Witness to Signature Date

WITNESS STATEMENT

Once informed of the emergency involving the Panther I. I made sure the other boats were sent out to assist. I followed out in a smaller rescue boat. At the scene I approached the other boats and made sure everyone was accounted for and that everyone was OK. I made sure they were underway and headed back to the Ranger Station. At the time one of the rescuers boarded my boat and we headed out the pass with the tide to pick up any debris and basically scan the area.

I hereby affirm that the foregoing statement consisting of _____ pages is a true and accurate account of the incident in question to the best of my recollection.

Sammy HAMILTON III
Printed Name

Sammy Hamilton III 12-31-02
Signature Date

H. Hamilton 12/31/02
Witness to Signature Date