Tug Peggy H. Feb 10. 07

0545 alongside M/T Kition at Apex Oil Port Allen - Have 0600 orders to turn for Sea with N38, Gladys B & Margaret Cooper Peggy H is on Starboard bow, Gladys B & Margaret Cooper on starboard stern.

Orders given - Hard straight in to let go lines at 0705 - After lines let go Peggy H was ordered Half astern, then hard astern. M/T Kition started to turn to starboard with stern abreast of dock above bridge.. At approximately 0738 +or- It became apparent ship would hit bridge and (Peggy H) notified pilot on channel 77 VHF that "Peggy H would have to let line go now" - as bridge & guard contact was inevitable - General alarm was sounded aboard Peggy H - Deckhand was stationed outside wheelhouse already and instructed to let line go. as ship made contact with guard around bridge Peggy H went hard astern, Bridge guard collapsed and made contact over bulwarks on strbd. stern of Tug and fell free as Peggy backed clear of ship and bridge & bridge guard. Peggy H then notified Nalva 38 - That crew had to check for possible damage to Hull from bridge guard - Appx 0750 - it was determined no damage was apparent and asked pilot if our assistance was needed and told "No". Gladys B & Margaret Cooper stayed with ship. Peggy H. then proceeded to Capitol Marine to Tie Off and further asses damage if any. Engineer checked tanks and visible means and determined all was OK. Again N38 was asked if further assistance was needed and told not at that time. Shortly thereafter N38 called Peggy for assistance to help Gladys B & Margaret Cooper to reanchor ship and Peggy H complied and went back alongside

[redacted] Captain

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