

Statement for the event that happened on the M.V. Walla Walla on 11-4-12 in Eagle Harbor.

Approxemently 11:15 AM on Sunday I was in the engine room working on the bilge pump with Rey Esteban. The #2 S.S. and the #3 M.E. were running. I was walking through the engine room heading toward the shop to get a wrench, that's when I noticed a burning smell. I looked around and I noticed a thick cloud of smoke coming from the #1 tunnel way. I thought someone was welding back in the #1 drive motor room. Just to make sure I walked to the #1 Mtr room. (the smoke was getting thicker). I walked next to the #1 Drive motor, and looked where the smoke and arcing was coming from, and noticed a white and blue arc coming from inside the # 1A Drive Mtr. I then ran to the EOS and asked John Settles who was there, if any one was welding back in the #1 Mtr room. HE said no. Then I said there is a fire in the #1 drive motor, as I said that I quickly selected the camera to the #1 Mtr room to show J. Settles the white and blue arcing what I had just seen. When J. Settles saw the camera he quickly called the staff chief on the hand held radio and said there is a fire in the #1 drive Mtr and he is shutting every thing down. As J. Settles was shutting down I rang the general alarm for 10 seconds. I then ran back to the #1 tunnel way to close the water tight door. I then ran back to the EOS the bunker up a fire suit. When I got to the EOS I noticed the Eagle Harbor Electricians, Staff Chief, and J. Settles were looking at the camera and noticed the Arcing had went away. I noticed Rey Esteban was not in the EOS, and went out to the engine room to look for him and told him to come inside.

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