

Subject: RE: SEACOR POWER INCIDENT

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Mr. [REDACTED],

I'm [REDACTED] year old [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the Liftboat ROCKFISH, owned by ALL COAST LLC of Lafayette, LA., On that tragic day of April 13, 2021, I was approximately 2 miles due east of where I'm on location, about ¾ of a mile NE from where the SEACOR POWER is located. I departed the other location where I was at 1335 and headed to where I'm located now. I arrived here at 1430, by the time I jacked up on location it was 1445. The wind was blowing from the NE at 18 mph with a current to the NW at 1.5 kts. I had seen the SEACOR POWER headed south out of Belle Pass, once I was jacked on location myself and a deckhand walked out on the port side of the wheelhouse and continued to observe the SEACOR POWER travelling, around 1530 the sky became dark and was moving fast to the SE, the winds around 25 mph., then it started to drizzle then came the heavy rain and wind at first the winds started at 30 -35 mph, then increased to 95 mph., that's when we lost visual of the SEACOR POWER, we kept visual of it's position on the AIS and Rose Point system I have on here, then all of sudden we lost her position, my first thought was that the AIS was lost due to the weather. I clocked winds onboard here at 95 kts. for about 1 hour without any break. According to my weather report it was showing a weak cold front coming through. Never in my wildest dream that I thought that the winds were going to be this strong. When the rain and wind finally subsided to 50 – 60 mph and we could see we started looking around, when my deckhand walk to the back door of the third level and told me to look off the stbd stern that it didn't look good, I was still in the wheelhouse, I started looking around this vessel and didn't see anything, finally he came up and we walked out the stbd side of wheelhouse and he pointed to the SEACOR POWER. We got on the vhf radio and made the MAYDAY call to Coast Guard, then the deckhand found the phone number to SEACOR's office in Houston, TX, they gave him the number to the Houma office, within 30 minutes of the MAYDAY call the Coast Guard Cutter GLYNN HARRIS arrived on seen. I've been working on the gulf now for 44 years and never experienced anything like this before. If you need anything else from me feel free to contact me my cell at [REDACTED], I'll be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Thanks,

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