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lady moira laid over after bridle parting

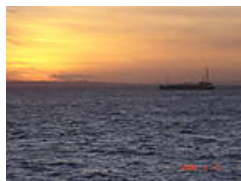
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Tue, 5 February 08 14:47

When this happen.... j

Very similar incident happened here in Cork some years back, thankfully she came back up after a few minutes and all was okay but crew were on outside of wheelhouse clinging on and all managed to jump back in wheelhouse door on way up. No injuries thankfully. Scary moment according to the lads.

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When did this happen?  
Have they got her back up again and I hope no one was injured, nothing on the local news.  
Mike

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Regards

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how did that happen , is she aground

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Tue, 5 February 08 17:11

This happened at the mouth of the Humber Estuary

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This definitely happened at spurn point, the mouth of the river Humber, i am certain because I was there.

Regards  
Rob

Wed, 6 February 08 03:25

I think it was the quick action by the skipper (Pete Higgins) of another tug, LADY ANYA, that prevented her from capsizing completely. The cheif engineer was injured and taken off by the Spurn life-boat to Grimsby fish dock.

Wed, 6 February 08 03:40

Rob, thank you for that confirmation - just to ensure there is/was no misunderstanding, please assured that John of Cobh in his posting was not suggesting this accident was "here in Cork some years back" - that was just his passing comment that a very similar incident had also ocured at Cork a while ago.

Wed, 6 February 08 04:15

thks tonga, edited my one.

Wed, 6 February 08 05:01

No probs, i wasnt trying to be arsy or anything. I remember my dad flying off down to spurn after a phone call from an ex workmate of his. I was only about 11 or 12 years old and it was an exciting day to see all this in action as a child

Wed, 6 February 08 05:52

Rob, John, my thanks to you for those two postings. - I have often wondered at the ability of us all to write something in one meaning and have it read in a totally opposite way. - I guess that when my neighbour told the local builder that he wanted *a wall built very badly*, he possibly meant his words to indicate a sense of urgency, rather than the quality of the work. I leave it to our amusement as to what was eventually delivered. 🎉

Wed, 6 February 08 06:34

If my memory serves me correct the Lady Moira was assisting with a berthing operation on the Tetney mono buoy being stern tug on a ship as it approached the buoy, the gob rope parted causing her to be girted

Wed, 6 February 08 07:13

Hello everybody

This incident took place just to the east of spurn point during the berthing of a VLS to the Tetney Mono-buoy. It was the result of the Moira's "bridle" rope parting as she maoeuvored to take up position astern of the tanker to start reducing the vessels headway. As soon as the bridle rope parted, the towing point moved to a point at the centre of the tug resulting in a large heeling moment, the effect of which is all to evident from the picture !

A catastrophe was averted by 2 things; The quick actions of the Tug Master Pete Gibney of the Lady Anya, who placed his tug in a position to try and take some of the weight from the tow line. The second was the

action of the ships crew who managed to release the tow and thus remove the forces acting upon the Moira.

I was Skipper training at the time of this incident (1996) and had it not been for a pre-arranged private engagement, been on the Moira at the time of this incident !

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Wed, 6 February 08 09:27

Finfrog.

I thought Pete Higgins was the master of the Lady Anya at the time of this incident. Can you throw any more light on this?

Steve

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Wed, 6 February 08 09:44

Steve

Each tug has 2 crews working a week about. At the time, the 2 masters were Pete Gibney on one watch, Pete Higgins on the other. Pete Gibney was on watch at the time of the incident. Dave Williams was skipper of the Moira.

Rgds

Finfrog

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Wed, 6 February 08 10:29

Finfrog,

Thanks for that.....I'm sure Pete Higgins told me he was in charge at the time, wait 'till I see him! lol

Is his brother John still skipper?

Steve

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