

# MEMBER ALERT



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## GOOD CATCH UPDATE: *BANK SUCTION GETS UGLY* – BANK SUCTION DAMAGE

River transits may seem routine, but hydrodynamic forces like bank suction or “bank effect” can quickly push a vessel off track. Brief and incomplete transit planning may increase the risk of accidents and expose the vessel to costly claims and liability. Make a Good Catch by discussing bank effect and identifying high-risk areas during the Master–pilot exchange.

In this context, the Managers are pleased to present the latest instalment of the Club’s *Good Catch* initiative:

- [Bank Suction Gets Ugly - Bank Suction Damage](#) available in English, [new](#) and [traditional](#) Mandarin.

The graphic is a two-page spread. The left page is titled "GOOD CATCH from The American Club" and "BANK SUCTION GETS UGLY - BANK SUCTION DAMAGE". It includes a "Description" section with text and an image of a vessel, an "Actual Damage" section with a red background, and a "Potential Damage" section. The right page is titled "How could this have been prevented?" and lists three bullet points. Below the text are three "Good Catch" examples with icons. At the bottom, there is a logo for The American Club and contact information for various offices.

As a reminder, all *Good Catch* alerts and animations are posted at the Club’s website at:

[https://www.american-club.com/page/good\\_catch](https://www.american-club.com/page/good_catch)

It is recommended that Members take note of this information and be guided accordingly.