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GOOD CATCH UPDATE: *THEY DIDN'T DISCUSS SQUAT?* MASTER PILOT EXCHANGE

A good master-pilot exchange includes discussing information related to every navigational aspect of the vessel and discussing details of the planned voyage into or out of the port. Make a Good Catch and ensure that the master-pilot exchange includes discussion of the available underkeel clearance related to company policy.

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

- [*They didn't discuss squat?*](#) available in English, [new](#) and [traditional](#) Mandarin.

GOOD CATCH They didn't discuss squat?
MASTER PILOT EXCHANGE
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Potential Damages The grounding had the potential for significant claims. Fortunately, there was no damage to the propeller or rudder. They were also fortunate that when the vessel suddenly sheered to starboard, it stayed clear of port structures and other vessel traffic.

Prevention A good master-pilot exchange includes discussing information related to every navigational aspect of the vessel and discussing details of the planned voyage into or out of the port.

- ★ Was a checklist used for the master-pilot exchange and was it completed?
- ★ Was the vessel's handling characteristics discussed related to the vessel's loaded condition and trim?
- ★ Was all other port activity discussed including inbound and outbound vessels, construction activity, dredging, and any special events?
- ★ Were the currents discussed including the river current, tides and tidal current, and winds?
- ★ Was the specific use of tugs discussed including at what point they would be released?
- ★ Were the details of the passage plan discussed?
- ★ Was the readiness of the anchors discussed?
- ★ Was the underkeel clearance discussed including company minimums and actual channel depth available?

When you identify a hazard before something goes wrong... **it's a Good Catch.**

When you stop an operation before something bad happens... **it's a Good Catch.**

When the master pilot exchange includes discussion of the available underkeel clearance related to company policy... **that's a Good Catch, too!**

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Your Managers recommend that Members take note of this information and be guided accordingly.