

SAFETY ALERT

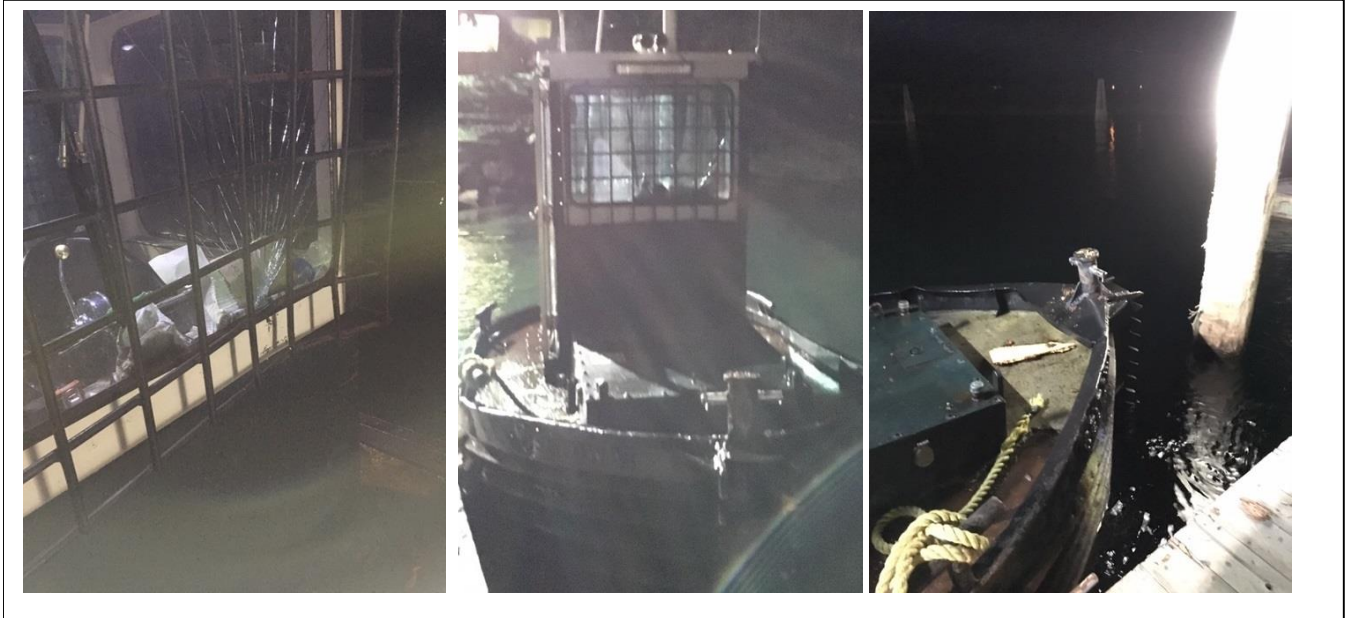
Boom Boat Broken Window

Incident Date: January 15, 2019

Location: Castlegar

Incident Type: Damage

Job Position: Boom Boat Operator



Summary:

A boom boat operator pushed a log bundle onto cradle. The operator raised the cradle out of the water and stopped the cradle just as the bundle cleared the water to check for any logs protruding upstream, as is the normal procedure. One log was crooked in the bundle and protruded upstream 4-5 feet and needed to be pushed in. As operator went in to push the log, the log slid on top of the gavel (front tie-off point), the operator put the boat into reverse but the momentum and the time it took for the boat to reverse was too late to prevent the log from striking the protection cage of the windshield. As a result, the log bent the safety cage and caused the windshield to fracture.

Further Information and/or Requirements:

- Keep logs as low as possible to prevent the logs from coming over the top of the boat hull when pushing in logs back into position.
- Ensure the teeth on the front of the boom boat are in good condition so they will bite into the log when pushing.

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