



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

Office of Marine Safety

Interview Summary

Meeting with: Phone conversation with Mr. Jeff Reeb, Los Angeles County, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Date/time: September 16, 2019 13:41 EDT

Location: By telephone

Interviewed by: Marcel L. Muise, NSTB

In attendance: None

Case: DCA19MM007

- He is a firefighter and former fire marshall.
- He made three trips on *Vision* this year and trips on *Conception* two years ago.
- There are many other similar vessels in Southern California to include
 - *Peace* – Similar to Truth Aquatics' boast and operations
 - *Spector* – a converted oilfield crew boat
 - *Raptor* – Day trips only
 - *Magician* – Hailing port San Pedro
 - *Great Escape* – Hailing port San Pedro
 - *Raptor* – Hailing port Long Beach, 52nd Street
 - *Bottom Scratcher* – Hailing port San Pedro, 22nd Street
 - *Pax Star*
 - *Horizon* – similar to Truth Aquatics out of San Diego
- www.californiadiveboats.com is a good site to find boats.
- Boats are often reconfigured by new owners in the industry from fishing to diving.
- Truth Aquatics is "considered to be the top outfitter."
- Crews are all similar from company to company
 - "They work their ass off."
 - They're up before breakfast cleaning.
 - They're never up during the night. That's common throughout the industry.
- He was very aware of the escape hatch from the briefing.
- He remembers seeing smoke detectors but not specifically where.
- He was more concerned about collisions than fire.
- The safety briefs are thorough.
- Housekeeping was very good.
- He's aware of one dive outfitter who now says they will have someone on deck all night.
- He suggests looking at the wiring on the vessels.