

Drawbridge collapses on top of mega yacht

On December 2nd, 2014, the **Rockstar** mega yacht allided with a drawbridge on the Broad Causeway in Fort Lauderdale, which resulted in the stopping of all traffic for about six whole hours.



Two tugs were towing the yacht from Fort Lauderdale to Miami with one pulling it and the other one pushing it. At around 3:45 p.m., the east part of the drawbridge made contact with the vessel. It had been requested by the company in charge of the towing to raise both sides so that the yacht could successfully pass.

While the vessel was passing, though, the east side all of a sudden started to slip and mere moments afterwards crashed down on the ship resulting in considerable amount of damage.

All of the flybridge and top portion of the ship was damaged. The mega yacht was stuck for around 20 minutes before it was finally able to be dislodged and towed away north of the drawbridge.

Of all 15 passengers aboz`ard the ship at that time none were injured. Inclement weather is suspected to have been a factor in the incident.

The matter was handed to Officers of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to look into more closely and determine the exact causes behind of the incident. Authorities managed to divert the traffic which resulted in it being backed up all the way to Sans Souci Boulevard in North Miami.

Drivers were advised to use alternate routes. Crews were sent to the scene in order to determine whether or not the bridge was operational and to make an assessment of the structural damages if any.

Engineers of the Town of Bay Harbor islands ran a couple of safety tests to make completely sure the bridge was fully operational again.

The yacht was docked at a Dania Beach marina where investigators were appointed to estimate the amount of caused damage. The bridge was reopened at around 9:30 p.m.

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