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Capsized tugboat moved from Lock & Dam No. 7

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The tugboat that went over Lock and Dam No. 7 on July 3 near Desbach, Minnesota, has been moved from the roller gate bay.

Brennan Marine says its boat was taken to a location downstream of the dam, clear of the navigation channel. Salvage crews rotated it into an upright position and lifted it to remove enough water so it could float on its own.

Tyler Trussoni, 22, of Genoa, died after becoming trapped inside. He was in the middle level of the tugboat when it went over the lock and dam.

High water and increased current speeds swept the boat through the roller gates on the dam, destabilizing the M/V Megan McB, causing it to take on water, according to a news release from Brennan Marine, Inc.

The boat was brought back to the Brennan Marine, Inc. yard. The company says the U.S. Coast Guard has already begun its investigation.

The Megan McB was christened at the La Crosse Harbor on June 22, 2013. Authorities said the tugboat was out on the water to help barges because of the high waters and strong current of the Mississippi River.

In late May, a rented houseboat (pictured below) went over Lock & Dam No. 7 with 11 people on-board. All were pulled from the water safely. That houseboat remains in the water.

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