

Unified Command
Tug Tiger Richmond Incident
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Coast Guard Responds to 205-foot Vessel Sinking in Richmond

SAN FRANCISCO – Coast Guard and Department of Fish and Game personnel responded to a report of the Tug Tiger, a decommissioned 205-foot former Navy tug, sinking while moored in Richmond, Calif., on December 11.

The Coast Guard Incident Management Division personnel from Sector San Francisco arrived on scene and noticed a black discharge coming from the vessel.

Global Diving and Salvage arrived on scene and deployed three layers of 22-inch hard boom around the tug with pollution contained inside the boomed area.

The Coast Guard also oversaw the deployment of boom around Brook's Island, a 373 square-acre preserve just south of Richmond Inner Harbor.

Global Diving and Salvage plans to conduct drum skimming to recover the released product.

The amount of product onboard the Tiger before it sank and the amount of product released is currently unknown. The cause of the vessel sinking is under investigation.

A Unified Command has been established and is coordinating the cleanup response. The Unified Command consists of members of the Coast Guard, California Office of Spill Prevention and Response, the Port of Richmond, and the Richmond Fire Department.

No wildlife impacts have been reported, but crews continue to monitor for them. Anyone seeing oiled wildlife should report it to 877-UCD OWCN.