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DMR Marine Patrol Officers Rescue Victims of Hazardous Inhalant

BILOXI, Miss. – Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Marine Patrol officers rescued an oyster boat captain and deckhand Tuesday, Nov. 3, who had been exposed to an unknown hazardous inhalant believed to be carbon monoxide. The rescue took place in waters south of Bayou Caddy.

Marine Patrol Officers Bryce Gex, Bryan Wallace and Glen Wieck responded by vessel to a call from dispatch, while Officer Matt Kasovich responded by truck. Marine Patrol officers arrived on-scene at 3:44 p.m. and removed the victims from the oyster boat.

Marine Patrol officers kept the victims conscious and monitored their airway, breathing and circulation while en route to Bayou Caddy. Upon arrival, members of American Medical Response Team boarded the Marine Patrol vessel and Marine Patrol officers assisted in carrying the victims to awaiting stretchers.

After the rescue, Marine Patrol officers returned to the vessel with Hancock County Hazardous Materials Tech and Drug Interdiction Officer Abe Long. The U.S. Coast Guard was already on-board searching the vessel for contamination upon Marine Patrol's return.

Once the scene was deemed contaminant free, 16 sacks of oysters were transferred to the Marine Patrol vessel and later dumped in a restricted area in an effort not to affect areas approved or conditionally approved to be open for harvest of oysters.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov .

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