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## **News Release**

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### ***Missing Boater Recovered, DMR Investigating Accident***

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Marine Patrol officer, Lt. Donald Armes, received a call from the Biloxi Police Department (BPD) on Sunday at 5:18 p.m. reporting an accident had occurred at the Popp's Ferry Causeway and one of the five boaters was missing.

Two DMR Marine Patrol vessels and the DMR dive rescue team arrived at the scene along with BPD officers and dive team. DMR and BPD dive teams performed a dual dive rescue mission with assistance from a local contractor that provided sector scan sonar used to locate the missing boater.

Harrison County coroner, Gary Hargrove, will perform a blood alcohol and drug toxicology test on the victim.

Joint efforts between DMR, BPD, Biloxi Fire Department, Harrison County Sherriff's Department Water Patrol and U.S. Coast Guard helped complete the recovery made at 10:25 p.m. on Sunday.

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](http://www.dmr.ms.gov).

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