

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Tug Pathfinder Grounding

SITREP #: 1

SPILL NUMBER: 09229935701

LEDGER CODE: Requested

TIME/DATE OF INCIDENT: The grounding of the Tug Pathfinder was reported to the U.S. Coast Guard's (USCG) Vessel Traffic System in Prince William Sound at 6:15 PM on December 23, 2009. USCG reported the grounding to ADEC at 7:52 PM on December 23, 2009.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 10:00 AM on December 24, 2009

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As situation warrants

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The amount spilled is currently unknown. Two of the tug's centerline diesel fuel tanks were breached with potential spill of 33,500 gallons.

LOCATION: The grounding occurred on Bligh Reef, Prince William Sound, Alaska (60° 50.39' N, 146° 52.94' W).

CAUSE OF SPILL: The tug had completed an ice survey and was headed back to port at the time of the grounding. The cause of the grounding is unknown at this time and is being investigated by USCG and ADEC.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Crowley Maritime Corporation (Crowley), Seattle, WA

RESPONSE ACTIONS: Spill containment boom was immediately deployed around the vessel. The initial visual survey did not indicate any damage to the sides of the hull. A sheen was observed coming from the keel coolers of the tug. The tug transited to Busby Island and is currently anchored at that location.

R & R Diving Services was immediately dispatched to conduct an underwater survey to assess the damage. The underwater survey was completed at 4:30 AM on December 24, 2009. The survey revealed that the tug suffered extensive damage under the hull during the grounding.

Alyeska SERVS activated the Incident Management Team. Additional tugs were deployed to Busby Island to assist the Tug Pathfinder and to deploy boom around the vessel.

Additional response equipment is either in place or enroute to the scene.

SOURCE CONTROL: Containment boom has been deployed around the vessel. The pressure of the sea water under the vessel's hull is preventing further release of the fuel from the tug. Equipment is being mobilized to remove fuel from the tug.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: Marine waters of Prince William Sound. No oiled wildlife has been observed.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Over flights will be conducted at first light today.

WEATHER: Today: Cloudy. A chance of rain and snow in the afternoon. Highs in the mid to upper 30°F except in the upper 20°F through the pass. Variable winds to 10 mph. Tonight: Snow likely in the evening then snow and rain after midnight. Snow accumulation up to 3 inches. Lows in the upper 20°F to lower

30°F except around 25°F through the pass. Variable wind 10 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL

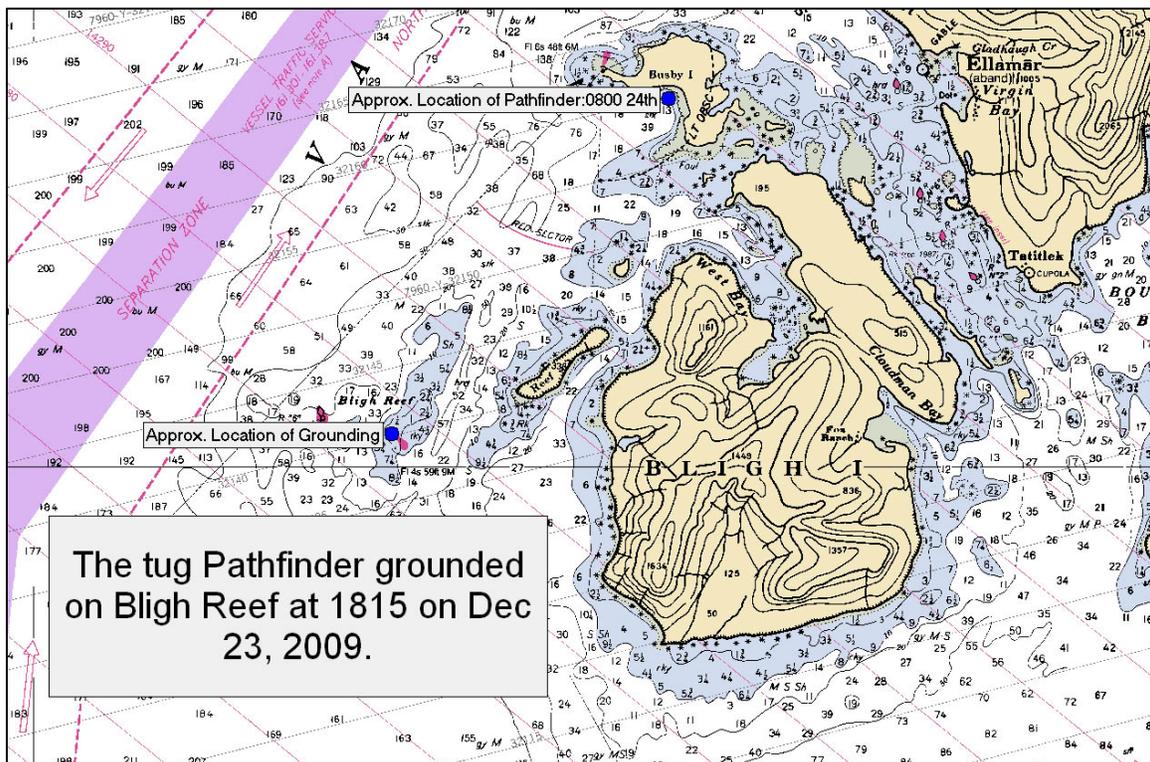
Incident Commander: Walt Tague (Crowley)
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Location Map