

No Name (ferro-cement sailboat) (2016)

Location: Chatham Island, BC

Case number: 120-802-C1

The Incident

On the morning of December 8, 2016, the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) was notified that a 41-foot sailboat of ferro-cement construction was aground near Discovery Island, BC. The crew of the grounded vessel had been rescued during the previous night.

Due to poor weather, a response was delayed until later in the morning. When CCG Environmental Response (ER) specialists arrived on scene, the vessel was found to be lying on its side, with signs of oil pollution in the area. CCG deployed sorbent booms around the vessel and collected various debris from the area, including jerry cans and oil jugs, before departing the scene for the day.

CCG contacted the owners of the vessel and asked them what they intended to do. It became clear that they were financially and logistically unable to commit to an adequate response. The owners reported 50 to 100 gallons of diesel fuel aboard, in addition to other miscellaneous pollutants. CCG assumed the role of On-Scene Commander.

CCG decided to remove the vessel from the marine environment. To this end, Heavy Metal Marine Ltd was contracted, but the salvage operation with barge and crane was delayed until January 3, 2017 due to poor weather conditions.

In the intervening weeks, the vessel upwelled pollution and the booms had to be tended to regularly by the CCG.

Once removed from the marine environment and placed on a barge, the vessel was brought to the Heavy Metal Marine facility. CCG opted to forego a survey and have the vessel deconstructed.

The Claim

On December 3, 2018, the Administrator received a claim in the amount of \$53,954.45 from the CCG on behalf of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO/CCG) in respect of the incident pursuant to the *Marine Liability Act*. The Administrator determined that the claim was admissible under Part 7 of the Act.

Assessment and Offer

During the assessment, the Administrator made several requests to the CCG for further information, which was provided in part.

As of March 31, 2019, the claim remained under assessment.

Status

The file remains open.