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COAST GUARD CUTTER SENECA TOWING DISABLED FISHING VESSEL

BOSTON - The Coast Guard Cutter *Seneca* is towing a Newport, R.I.-based fishing vessel with four people aboard after it became disabled Wednesday evening about 55 miles south of Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Brian Ohara, the owner of the 72-foot *Leviathan*, contacted Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England by cell phone at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday and stated that the vessel had experienced an engine casualty and was adrift.

Sector Southeastern New England broadcasted a request on VHF marine radio for vessels in the area to assist the *Leviathan*, but none responded. The sector maintained communications with the *Leviathan* throughout the night.

The 270-foot *Seneca*, homeported in Boston, arrived on scene about 9:30 a.m., today and plans to tow the *Leviathan* to Nomans Land, where arrangements will be made to bring the vessel into port.

"We encourage vessels to have multiple means of communication in case one of them fails to work," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Phillip Jordinelli, the Sector Southeastern New England command center supervisor. "The *Leviathan* was equipped with a VHF radio, but they were also able to communicate by cell phone."



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