

Press Release

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Boston Cutter Rescues 100-Ton Disabled Fishing Vessel

BOSTON – Battling frigid cold and a biting wind, the Coast Guard Cutter SENECA rescued a disabled fishing vessel from the North Atlantic Ocean early Wednesday morning.

SENECA was notified of a disabled vessel by Coast Guard Sector Northern New England, which operates out of Portland, ME, and diverted from her course to assist. The five crewmembers on board were found in good health and did not require any medical assistance. The vessel was approximately 150 miles off of the New Hampshire coast, drifting northeast towards Nova Scotia.

Once on scene, SENECA informed the master that the vessel would be taken in tow. SENECA readied her towing line and made her approach, cautiously navigating the 5 foot seas. Once the towing line had been safely made up, SENECA began her transit towards Massachusetts, where the disabled vessel will be brought into port.

The SENECA is a 270 foot cutter based out of Boston, and has a crew of 100 active duty personnel who carry out homeland security, search and rescue, and law enforcement missions throughout the western hemisphere.

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