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Rescue forces in Alaska are rushing to the aid of a Coast Guard cutter which is taking on water in the North Pacific Ocean near Akutan Island. The 378-foot cutter Jarvis has lost all means of propulsion in ~~heavy~~ ^{HEAVY} seas and has issued an SOS.

Although flooding in the ship's engine room is reported to be serious, the 170-man crew of the Honolulu-based high-endurance cutter is in no immediate danger.

The flooding is a result of a grounding which occurred early Wednesday morning in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Emergency repairs had been made to the vessel, permitting the departure from Dutch Harbor. High winds and heavy seas were prevalent at the time of the grounding.

Coast Guard ships and aircraft are speeding to the stricken ship and several merchant vessels are also reported to be on the way to help. The nearest ship is a few hours away.

The cutter Jarvis was conducting a routine Alaska fisheries patrol at the time of the grounding.



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JUNEAU - - - The Coast Guard Cutter Jarvis, which has been plagued by ~~by~~ flooding in its engine-room, is expected to be safely anchored in a protected inlet early this afternoon. Under tow by a Japanese merchant vessel, the Jarvis will be anchored in Beaver Inlet ^{in the necessity} on ~~Sedanka Island~~, about twenty miles distance from where the two ships rendezvoused this morning.

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Captain Frederick O. Wooley, commanding officer of the stricken ship, has reported that with the controlling of engine-room flooding, the ship's condition has been stabilized. However, the Jarvis will require extensive hull inspection and repair before leaving ^{protected} Alaskan waters.

The engine-room flooding is believed to have been caused when the Jarvis struck bottom at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, early Wednesday morning. Temporary repairs had been made prior to the start of last night's flooding.

Coast Guard ships and aircraft are staging large amounts of materials to assist in the repair of the high-endurance cutter. In addition, naval engineering personnel are being flown in from the ship's home district at Hawaii to direct the operation.

The Cutter Balsam from Adak, Alaska, is expected to arrive on scene at Midnight tonight; the Kodiak-based Cutter Citrus will rendezvous late tomorrow night; and, in addition, the Cutter Winona has departed from Port Angeles, Washington, to assist in the repair. The HC-130 patrol aircraft from Air Station Kodiak will continue "orbiting" the Jarvis until the ship is safely anchored.



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JUNEAU - - - The Coast Guard Cutter Jarvis, crippled by a ruptured hull and no means of propulsion, is standing up to a raging windstorm in Alaska's Aleutian chain. With winds gusting to 50 knots, the Cutter Balsam and a Japanese merchant vessel are standing by to assist if needed. The 378-foot high-endurance cutter has fought for its stability since early Wednesday morning following a grounding at Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

An initial survey of the Jarvis' hull indicates that the ship has sustained one 4 x 6 inch hole and another smaller. High winds and fast water currents caused by the hard-hitting southeasterly storm are causing a delay in the installation of temporary patches. When installed, the Jarvis will be towed from its present position in Beaver Inlet to Dutch Harbor, a distance of about 24 miles. There, a large work force and materials have been staged to effect additional repairs to the ship.

Meanwhile, the de-watering process is continuing, with about two feet of water remaining in the ship's engine-room. Portable pumps airlifted to the scene by Coast Guard aircraft, and carried by the Jarvis and the Balsam are being used to pump out the ship's flooded spaces.

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