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The Coast Guard Cutter *Seneca*'s small boat (center) carries four people back to their 28-foot pleasure craft, *Tenacious* (left), after it became disabled about 68 miles south of Shinnecock, N.Y. The *Seneca* towed the *Tenacious* to a point outside of Shinnecock Harbor, where a commercial salvage boat (right) took over.
(Photo courtesy of Coast Guard Cutter *Seneca*)

Boston cutter rescues boaters during transit home

Boston – The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter *Seneca* returned to Boston today after responding to two search and rescue cases between Long Island, N.Y., and New Jersey on their way home from a three-month, \$2.8 million dry dock in Norfolk, Va.

Saturday the crew helped rescue a sinking fishing vessel before pulling four people off a disabled boat.

The *Seneca* was about 90 miles east of Cape May, N.J., where they were helping the crew of another Coast Guard cutter dewater the fishing vessel *Blue Diamond*, flooding with 10-feet of water on board, when they were diverted to help the disabled pleasure boat *Tenacious*.

The *Seneca* crew used their small boat to take all four people off the 28-foot pleasure craft, and then the cutter towed the vessel to an area outside of Shinnecock Harbor, N.Y., where a commercial tow boat took over.

During the cutter's dry dock in Norfolk, 113 projects were completed, ranging from painting the hull to removing and repairing the propellers. Before heading home, the crew underwent seven days of sea trials and training, carrying out several demanding tests and drills to ensure the cutter was fully mission capable.

The *Seneca* is homeported in Boston and has a crew of 101 active duty personnel who carry out homeland security, search and rescue, and law enforcement missions throughout the western hemisphere.

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