



# Press Release

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## Coast Guard cutter brings fishing crew to safety

**BOSTON** - The crew aboard the 270-foot Coast Guard Cutter *Tahoma*, with the Cutter *Seneca* crew, assisted three fishermen today after the propeller on their boat became fouled 75 miles southeast of Rhode Island.

At about 3:45 p.m., Saturday, the crew of the 43-foot *Kelly Sea*, a Portland, Maine-based boat, radioed the Coast Guard and reported they had lost propulsion and were adrift.

Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England, located in Woods Hole, Mass., established a 30-minute communication schedule with the *Kelly Sea*.



The *Tahoma*, about 70 miles from the *Kelly Sea*'s crew, made a course toward them and arrived near midnight. They waited until daylight, which provided optimal conditions to attach the tow line.

They began towing today, about 8 a.m., toward New Bedford, Mass.

The Coast Guard Cutter *Tybee* is schedule to relieve the *Tahoma* tonight in Rhode Island Sound. A 47-foot motor life boat from Station Menemsha, Mass., is schedule to relieve the *Tybee* tomorrow and take the *Kelly Sea* into port in New Bedford, where they can assess their propeller and begin repairs.

