



# Alert to vessels operating in Grays Harbor

## Guidelines for safe operation near sunken vessel "Captain Raleigh"

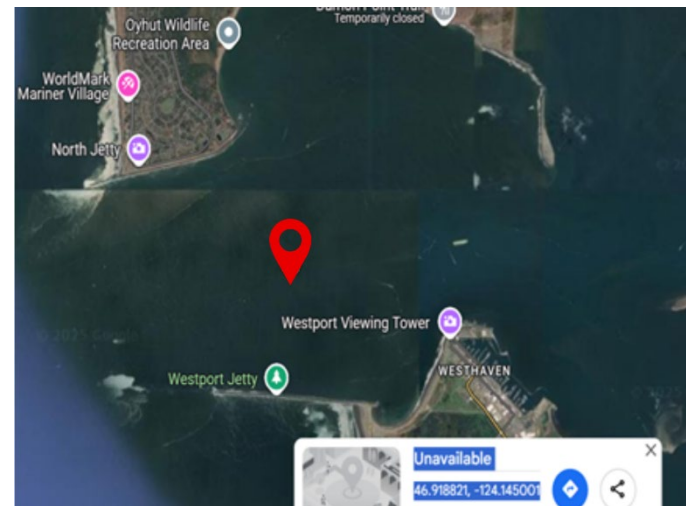
**Notice: All vessels transiting Grays Harbor**  
On Friday morning, May 9, 2025, the 67-foot fishing vessel Captain Raleigh sank in Grays Harbor just west of Westport, Washington. **Request all mariners monitor Channel 16 VHF-FM (156.8 MHz)**

- The United States Coast Guard has implemented a 200-yard safety zone around the vessel and all salvage operations. Safety of the responders and salvage experts is a priority.
- Please keep clear of the area. Transit a wide distance from these operations. Give the site and any response vessel as much space as possible. Waves from passing boats can be dangerous to the crews at the site.
- Approximate location: Latitude 46.918871- Longitude -124.145000
- Report any oil sheen you may see to 1-800-424-8802 (National Response Center) or to 1-800-258-5990 (Washington Department of Emergency Management)
- Report any dead or distressed wildlife by calling 1-800-22BIRDS.

environmental impacts that may occur from fuel releases.

Divers are currently working to free the entangled netting from the vessel to prepare to remove the fuel on board. The vessel will be lifted from the water once the fuel has been removed. These operations will take some time, and crews will be on-site periodically, depending on conditions, to conduct their work.

Crews at the site will be most active when the tides are slowing down.



Aerial view of Grays Harbor entrance near Westport, WA, showing sunken vessel location (red pin) between Westport and North Jetties

The United States Coast Guard, the Department of Ecology, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and salvage experts are currently working to minimize



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