

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
Division of Spill Prevention and Response
Prevention and Emergency Response Program

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: Clipper Odyssey Grounding

SITREP #: 3 and Final

SPILL NUMBER: 04259921301

LEDGER CODE: 14134660

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: 9:30 p.m. on July 31, 2004. The spill was reported to the ADEC at 11:00 p.m. by David Eley, Alaska Steamship Response.

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TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: The U.S. Coast Guard originally estimated 5500 gallons of #2 Diesel fuel may have been released. This estimate was the worst case spill volume and based upon the amount of fuel reported to be in the damaged #1 port fuel tank.

Information gathered from the first responders and the ship's crew indicates that the original fuel loss was over estimated. An investigation to determine the fuel remaining on board the vessel is currently being conducted by the RP and U.S. Coast Guard. This information will be used to determine the actual spill volume.

LOCATION: Vessel grounding was on the NE corner of Unalga Island, Baby Pass, Aleutian Islands. Latitude 54.0 N; Longitude 166.06 W.

CAUSE OF SPILL: The vessel Clipper Odyssey ran aground between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on July 31st. The grounding damaged the #1 port fuel tank and also breached a gray water tank.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): Clipper Odyssey, LTD. Vessel operator has been identified as New World Ship Management.

RESPONSE ACTION: A Unified Command was established and an Incident Management Team responded to Dutch Harbor along with additional responders and equipment from Alaska Chadux Corporation. The response organization included two (2) ADEC responders, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel, and a representative from the International Bird Rescue Research Center (IBRRC).

Chadux responders are maintaining oil containment boom around the vessel in Dutch Harbor. A dive team has assessed the damage to the vessel and is preparing a report for the Responsible Party.

An attempt to over fly the area of the grounding area yesterday afternoon was unsuccessful due to fog.

SOURCE CONTROL: The Clipper Odyssey is currently safely moored in Dutch Harbor. Containment boom has been placed around the vessel as a precautionary measure and will remain until repairs have been completed.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: To date no impacted resources have been observed. All attempts at site surveys of the Baby Islands area have been restricted due to weather, extreme tides and the lack of available observation platforms. The information gathered by the Environmental Unit indicates that any affected resources would have been minimal if at all.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Magone Marine has been contracted by the RP to prepare a salvage plan. A marine chemist from Anchorage arrived yesterday evening and today he will begin to inspect the interior spaces of the vessel for grey water and diesel contamination.

A disposal plan will be developed for approval by the Coast Guard. Chadux will maintain the boom around the vessel as needed. U.S. Coast Guard continues to investigate the cause of grounding and oversee repairs. ADEC shall continue to provide response and cleanup oversight.

Operational control will be transferred to the vessel owner for the repair planning and approval process.

WEATHER: Cloudy, Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

Incident Commander: Jim Burns, O'Brien Group
F.O.S.C.: Capt. Ron Morris, U.S.C.G.
S.O.S.C.: Gary Folley, ADEC
Field S.O.S.C.: Frank Wesser, ADEC

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Folley, 262-5210, extension 234, or cell phone 398-4368. As they become available to ADEC, photographs and other spill information will be made available for viewing at: <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>. Information on the vessel, including photographs, may be found at the Clipper Cruise website: <http://www.clippercruise.com/index.asp>

AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST

AGENCY	NAME	Sent Via		Telephone	Facsimile
USCG-MSO/ANC	Captain Morris	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
U.S. EPA	Matt Carr/Carl Lautenberger	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
OTHER	NAME	Sent Via	Session/Interim	Telephone	Facsimile
DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback	Fax		581-1254	581-2519
Unalaska Mayor	Pam Fitch	Fax		581-1211	581-1695
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