

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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WATER RESCUE RESPONSE – CAPSIZED VESSEL

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At 1150 AM today, bystanders at Goleta Beach reported a capsized boat about one quarter mile offshore east of the Goleta pier. Santa Barbara County Fire Department responded with our Water Rescue Team, three Engine Companies, and our Air Operations Helicopter 309 with Rescue Swimmers aboard. The bow of the capsized boat was seen vertical in the water bobbing offshore at the reported location. We deployed our Water Rescue Team on two jet skis (pictured) to search the boat and the area immediately around the boat while Helicopter 309 searched a larger area while following a debris stream moving from the boat towards the east. Several personal belongings were found in the floating debris but no victims were located.

LIFE SAFETY MESSAGE: *BE FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL CONDITIONS DURING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY ON THE WATER AS WELL AS ON LAND.

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