

Coast Guard Rescues Its Own When Boat Capsizes In Inlet

The U.S. Coast Guard came to the aid of its own Monday afternoon, rescuing four guardsmen after their vessel capsized in Lockwood Folly Inlet.

By 7:08 p.m. two sister vessels had freed the 22-foot Coast Guard Boston Whaler from a sandbar, uprighted it, and had it under tow back to the Oak Island Coast Guard Station at Caswell Beach.

Guardsmen worked to free the vessel under emergency flood lights rigged on the east end of Holden Beach Monday evening by local emergency volunteers. Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Holden Beach Police Department responded.

The Boston whaler had been in the process of taking in tow a disabled pleasure craft, the "Morning Star," when the tow boat capsized at approximately 1:24 p.m. on the east side of Lockwood Folly Inlet, said Lt. Howard Jones of the Fort Macon Coast Guard Station near Morehead City.

"We don't know why," he added.

"It's under investigation."

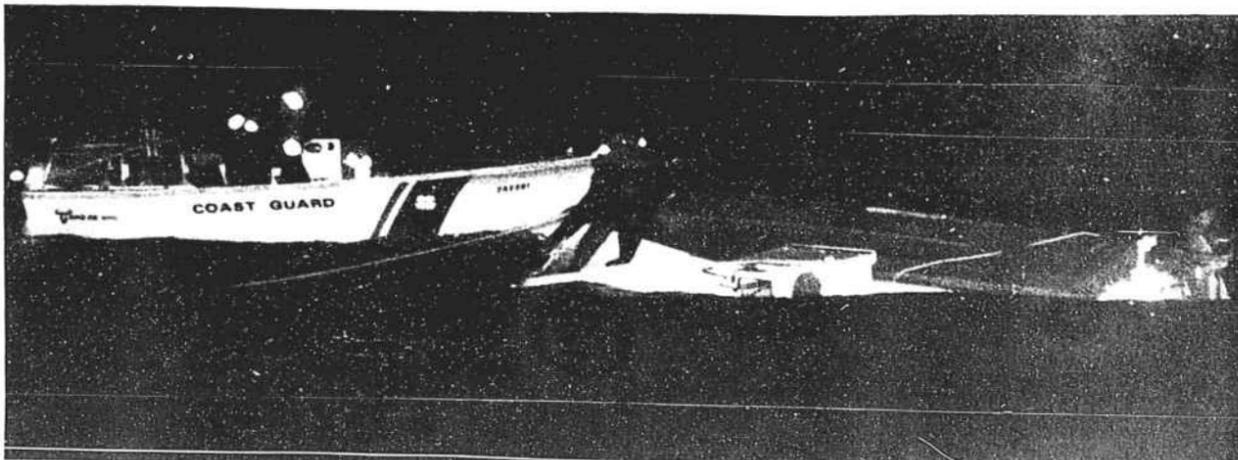
Winds were 20 knots, he said, but seas were calm Monday afternoon.

Jones said the "Morning Star" radioed Oak Island Station that rescue vessel had overturned and that the four crewmen were okay. He said he didn't know the identities of the crew members, who sat atop the overturned boat until help came.

Oak Island dispatched a 44-foot vessel and a 20-foot Boston Whaler to the inlet, where the larger whaler had come to rest on a sand bar. As the tide rose, they were able to pull the overturned boat free. After reaching the Intracoastal Waterway they uprighted it for the tow back to the station.

Firefighter Bob Rohde said Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad called Tri-Beach VFD about 5:30 p.m., asking it to rig the floodlights on the beach. Coastline was also prepared to launch its own boat if necessary.

Approximately 15 volunteers and other onlookers watched from the beach as guardsmen worked to free the whaler.



A COAST GUARDSMAN adjusts the tow line on a 22-foot USCG Boston Whaler that capsized Monday afternoon near Lockwood Folly Inlet.

Planning 'Committee' Actions Not Binding

BY RAHN ADAMS

The Brunswick County Planning Board was to meet Wednesday to give final approval to agenda items that were reviewed by a three-member committee last week.

The planning board's regularly-scheduled Oct. 21 meeting in Bolivia was held even though the seven-member board failed to reach a quorum.

Board members present at the Oct. 21 meeting included Vice Chairman Thomas Dixie, Alan Holden and John Barbee.

Members absent were Chairman Ed Gore, Michael Schaub, Shelton Stanley and non-voting member Commissioner Chris Chappell.

At Planning Director John Harvey's recommendation, Dixie opted to allow the three members to serve as a committee and review

"uncontroversial" agenda items, including two preliminary subdivision plat proposals, rather than cancel the session.

County Attorney David Clegg said last Thursday that a minority of board members may function as a committee, but that the committee cannot act for the board. Recommendations by that committee would require review by a majority of the board in open session for formal approval.

At last week's meeting, the planning committee voted to recommend to commissioners adoption of the county's Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) land use plan update.

Harvey gave the three members present copies of the final draft of the CAMA plan, which reflected corrections suggested by state officials.

He said informal comments from

the state Office of Coastal Management's Haskell Rhett of Wilmington and John Crew of Washington were received following the county's Oct. 5 public hearing on the land use plan.

Harvey told the planning board committee that neither Rhett nor Crew suggested substantive changes in the draft.

A letter sent to Harvey showed that eight of Rhett's nine suggested changes involved correcting typographical errors, punctuation and wording.

Harvey said he received Crew's comments by telephone.

Following approval by the planning board and then Brunswick County Commissioners, the CAMA plan must be submitted to the Coastal Resources Commission for review at least 30 days prior to a CRC meeting, Harvey said.

The CRC's next meeting is set for Dec. 3. County commissioners meet again in regular session on Nov. 2.

In other matters discussed by the planning committee last week, the three members recommended approval of preliminary plat proposals for two subdivisions in Northwest Township.

The subdivisions included Whitley Wood near Green Loop Road, owned by Frank Elliott; and Section One of Maco West on N.C. 87, owned by W. Carter Mebane III.

Other recommendations by the committee were to approve the name "Commerce Drive" for a road in Leland Industrial Park, to ask commissioners to oppose CSX Transportation's proposed abandonment of railroad service to Malmo, and to hold the planning board's December meeting in Holden Beach.

Drug Dog

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Kaufhold said school officials also have legal questions about the narcotic dog's use in schools, especially involving how the dog would be used to search students' private vehicles.

"Our legal advice tells us that it's legal to use the dog to search lockers, since they (lockers) are owned by the school," he said, then added that searching the parking lot was "a gray area" since privately-owned vehicles would be involved.

He said the schools' legal advisor also warned that the dog should not be used to search students themselves.

However, under standard procedure, a handler would not allow the dog to search people since it becomes agitated when it detects drugs, according to Crocker.

"One of our biggest problems with the use of the dog is you have to establish his (the dog's) reliability, and we've done that," Crocker said, adding that the handler is now "99 percent sure" the dog is alerting to narcotics when it shows aggressive behavior during a search.

Crocker said Buddy has been used once in an actual drug search. Two arrests were made Oct. 12 in Calabash, after the dog uncovered 16 grams of cocaine under the front seat of the suspects' car.

The dog can detect a wide range of drugs, including marijuana, cocaine, heroin and Quaaludes.

Assistant District Attorney Bill Wolak said last week, "Generally speaking, the use of a narcotics dog has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court, as in establishing probable cause to search."

Opinions vary on the extent of drug use in Brunswick County schools; however, lawmen and school administrators agree drugs are used

and possibly even sold on local campuses.

"There is a problem in our schools—all three high schools. We've had reports of (drug) usage and dealing. I don't mean there are large amounts (of drugs) involved, but there are small amounts," Crocker said.

Calabash

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Weber added, "They've been critical of what we tried to do, but we all felt we accomplished a lot without the support of the people."

Mrs. Lewellyn said, "I think we've all worked really well together."

Referring to the fact that all but one of the council members were serving their first elected terms, she added that the board probably worked just as well as possible.

Mrs. Lewellyn added, "We were maybe a little too outspoken at times and stood up to our convictions a little more than some people would like, but we did a lot of good for the town."

Board member Sonia Stevens could not be reached comment.

Sheriff

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Ridgeway and Jimmy Dean Nolan, 28, of Leland, were recaptured Sept. 22 by lawmen outside Jones Ford on U.S. 17 in Shallotte. Daniel Wayne Briles, 21, of Shallotte, was recaptured the same day in the Seaside area.

All three suspects were awaiting trial on breaking, entering and larceny charges prior to their escape.

6 shooting death of 33-year-old Wilmington resident Michael Edward Baker in Grissetown.

Piver, 42, of Route 1, Ash, faces first-degree murder charges in both Brunswick and New Hanover counties.

He is awaiting arraignment in New Hanover County Superior Criminal Court in connection with the Oct. 6 Wilmington shooting death of Nick H. Patelos, 31, of Wilmington.

Since his arrest, Piver has been held in the Brunswick County Jail without bond.

Fatality Ups Brunswick Death Toll To Sixteen

A Shallotte area man died early Saturday from injuries he suffered Friday night in a high-speed car crash near Shallotte—the fatality raising Brunswick County's 1987 highway death toll to 16.

The victim was Bryan Jay Osmore, 28, of Route 2, Shallotte, said Highway Patrol spokesperson Ruby Oakley.

She said the fatal wreck occurred Friday at 10:37 p.m., two miles south of Shallotte on Todd Road.

A report filed by Trooper R.L. Murray stated that Osmore, who was alone in his auto, was traveling east on Todd Road "at an excessive speed," when he ran off the road in a curve and struck a large ditch, Ms. Oakley said.

The car hit the ditch bank and overturned, throwing Osmore from the vehicle, Ms. Oakley said.

He was rushed to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply but died Saturday at 1:13 a.m., she said.

Ms. Oakley said the accident was alcohol-related.

In another weekend wreck, Brian Keith Springs, 23, of Salisbury, was charged with driving while impaired and leaving the scene of an accident by Trooper Murray following a mishap near Shallotte, according to Ms. Oakley.

She said the accident occurred Saturday at 7:55 p.m., 5.2 miles south of Shallotte on N.C. 130, when Springs' 1986 Datsun pickup truck ran off the road into a ditch.

Springs, who was not seriously injured, fled the accident scene, before being apprehended and charged by Murray, she said.

Damage to the pickup was estimated at \$1,000, she said.

Another accident Saturday resulted in an estimated \$500 damage to an Ocean Isle Beach woman's car and \$100 to a stop sign—the wreck occurring around 6:30 a.m. on Hale Swamp Road, one mile north of Ocean Isle Beach.

Ms. Oakley said Wanda B. Smith, 37, was traveling east when she failed to stop and struck the stop sign at the intersection of Hale Swamp Road and N.C. 179. The car traveled through a ditch, then came to rest back in the roadway.

Trooper D.B. Harvell charged Ms. Smith with driving while impaired and a stop sign violation, Ms. Oakley said.

A Shallotte man also was charged with DWI and driving without a license in a wreck last Thursday near Ocean Isle Beach.

Ms. Oakley said Harold Dean Norris, 34, of Shallotte, was driving a 1974 pickup truck in the 10 p.m. wreck, three-tenths of a mile north of Ocean Isle Beach on N.C. 179.

She said the pickup ran off the right side of the road and struck a ditch bank, doing \$550 damage to the vehicle.

Norris complained of injury but did not require medical attention, she said.

Temperatures, Rainfall To Return To Near Normal

After experiencing an extended dry spell and below normal temperatures, the Shallotte area—and the N.C. Festival By The Sea at Holden Beach—can expect near normal weather conditions through the weekend, according to Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.

Canady's weather outlook for the next several days is for both temperatures and rainfall to return to near normal levels for this time of year.

Temperatures should range from the low 50s at night to the low 70s during the day, and the area should receive about one-half inch of rain during the period, he said.

Canady said no measurable rainfall was recorded at his Shallotte Point weather station for 26 days until Monday night's three-quarter inch rainfall.

For the period of Oct. 20 through 26, Canady recorded an average daily high temperature of 74 degrees and an average daily low temperature of

49 degrees. The average daily temperature was 61 degrees, which was two degrees below normal.

The maximum high temperature during the period was 80 degrees on Oct. 20, while the minimum low temperature was 35 degrees on Oct. 22.

Piver Hearing Postponed

A probable cause hearing for Brunswick County murder suspect Rayford Clayton Piver was postponed for two days this week while prosecutors waited to receive forensic evidence to be used in the case.

On Monday, Judge Jerry A. Jolly postponed the hearing until Wednesday in Brunswick County District Criminal Court in Bolivia.

According to Assistant District Attorney Wanda Bryant, the hearing was delayed because the prosecution had not received the results of a ballistics test done on the weapon believed to have been used in the Oct.

6 shooting death of 33-year-old Wilmington resident Michael Edward Baker in Grissetown.

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