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Up, Up and Away!

After several false starts, students Reid Kerr and Christopher Richard hoist the United States and North Carolina flags at Shallotte Middle School last Friday morning.

3 Removed Safely From Disabled Boat Near Calabash

Three Holden Beach residents were safely rescued from a boat that lost power in the Calabash River Saturday night, according to BMCS J.D. Arndt, chief of the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Oak Island.

The station was notified by telephone at about 11:15 p.m. that a boat with a cellular phone had called the Brunswick County Emergency Services (911) center. The operator of the boat said his engine had stalled and his batteries had been

drained trying to restart it, Arndt reported.

The Coast Guard advised that the call was deemed a non-emergency case, but agreed to assist by removing the crew and transporting them to shore.

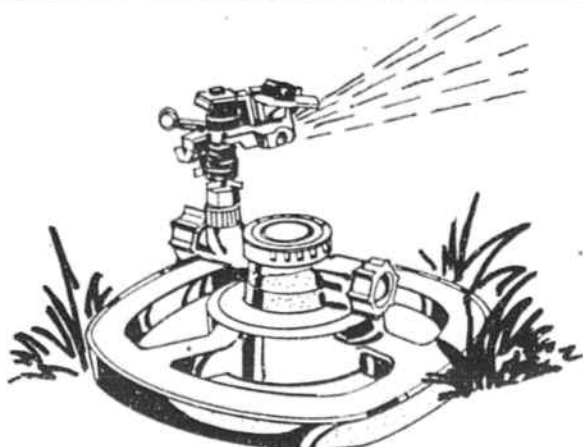
A 21-foot rigid-hulled inflatable fast-response boat was dispatched from Oak Island. The Ocean Isle Beach Volunteer Fire Department's water rescue unit also was alerted

and reached the stricken vessel first.

The Ocean Isle Beach boat transported the three people to Marsh Harbour Marina. The disabled 28-foot pleasure boat was left anchored outside the river channel, according to Terry Barbee, chief of the Ocean Isle Beach Volunteer Fire Department.

The three people on board were a Holden Beach man, his son and his son's girlfriend, Barbee said. Their names were unavailable Tuesday.

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