

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** F/V *Rascal* Sinking

**SITREP #:** 1 and Final

**SPILL NUMBER:** 09119928301

**LEDGER CODE:** 14280160

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 10:00 PM on October 10, 2009; reported to ADEC at 12:31 PM on October 11, 2009 by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT:** 11:00 AM on October 13, 2009

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** N/A

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** The F/V *Rascal* is reported to have contained approximately 450 gallons of diesel fuel and an unknown volume of lube and engine oil when it sank. Light rainbow sheen was reported around the vessel on Sunday, October 11, 2009.

**LOCATION:** St. Lazaria Island in Sitka Sound, Alaska.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** The F/V *Rascal* sank southeast of St. Lazaria Island in Sitka Sound.

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Lyle Martin Sr.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** On the evening of October 10, 2009, the USCG performed a search and rescue mission to remove the crew member from the sinking F/V *Rascal*. A 68 year old male was pulled from the water and subsequently flown to Anchorage, AK for medical treatment. The vessel sank in approximately 60 feet of water to the SE of St. Lazaria Island.

On October 11, the USCG conducted an overflight and reported rainbow and metallic sheen two miles long and 500 yards wide. The vessel had moved approximately 0.25 miles since the initial sinking and is now resting to the NE of St. Lazaria Island in approximately 120 feet of water.

St. Lazaria Island is a part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge and has large bird nesting colonies. Winds and currents carried a majority of the sheen away from the island. The shorebird population that utilizes the island is no longer nesting but some species remain in the area foraging. The U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were notified and they provided up-to-date information about the bird population on the island.

A second overflight was conducted on October 12 by the USCG. No sheen or debris was observed on the water.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Safety concerns will make it difficult to dive on the vessel in its current location. Based on the results of the second overflight, the vessel likely had a catastrophic release of the diesel on Saturday night and the diesel fuel dissipated and is unrecoverable. The USCG will continue to conduct regular overflights in the near future to identify any unforeseen releases.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** During the rescue operations, five Leach's Storm Petrels flew into the Good Samaritan vessel on scene; the birds are known for being attracted to sodium lights aboard fishing vessels. Petrels require considerable distance to become airborne and are often not able to fly off vessels. Four of the birds were oiled with diesel from the sinking vessel while the fifth bird recovered and got away before being collected by the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan kept the oiled birds overnight and delivered them to the Sitka Raptor Center the following afternoon. As of the afternoon of October 12, two of the birds had died. No other reports of additional oiled wildlife have been received.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** The removal of the vessel from the area will be decided by the ADNR and the owner of the vessel.

**WEATHER:** East winds 20 knots increasing to 30 knots late. Seas 6 feet increasing to 7 feet.

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

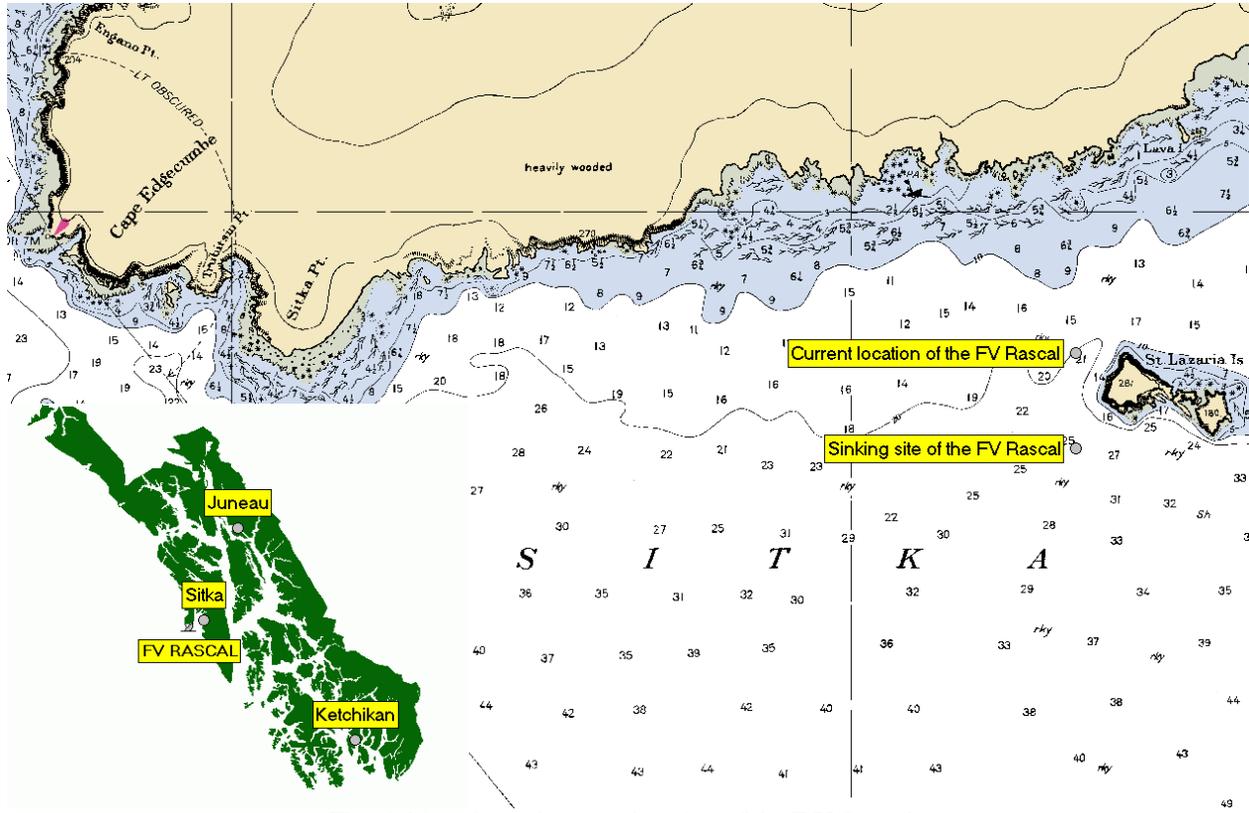
Incident Commander: None  
F.O.S.C.: Capt. Mellissa Bert, USCG  
Acting S.O.S.C.: Robert Fultz, ADEC  
Field S.O.S.C.: None

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**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST**

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The sinking site and current location of the F/V Rascal.