

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

SITUATION REPORT

INCIDENT NAME: M/V *Morning Cedar* Adrift Incident **SITREP #:** 4

SPILL NUMBER: 11259930901

LEDGER CODE: 143202260

TIME/DATE OF SPILL: This is a potential spill. At 9:01 AM on December 5, 2011, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) reported to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) that the M/V *Morning Cedar* was adrift 10 miles north of Tanaga Island. The crew of the vessel reported the loss of steering to the USCG at 9:29 on December 5, 2011.

TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT: 3:00 PM on December 9, 2011

TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT: As situation warrants.

TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED: No spill has occurred. The M/V *Morning Cedar* is a 656-ft, Singapore-registered vessel with 23 crew members aboard. The USCG reports that the vessel's cargo is packaged lumber and that there are 227,143 gallons of bunker C oil and 60,295 gallons of diesel on board.

LOCATION: The M/V *Morning Cedar* is currently under way to Dutch Harbor. As of 2:00 PM, the vessel's position was 52.54361N 176.2235W; speed over ground was 9.9 knots.

CAUSE OF SPILL: This is a potential spill. The crew of the M/V *Morning Cedar* reported to the USCG that there was some type of steering casualty and that the crew was not able to make repairs while they were underway.

POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP): The ship is operated by Wallenius Marine Singapore and the owner of the vessel is Eukor Car Carriers Seoul, South Korea.

RESPONSE ACTION: At 11:00 AM today the vessels crew and technical engineers were able to complete temporary repairs to the steering system and started toward Dutch Harbor with the USCG Cutter *Sherman* following. The M/V *Morning Cedar* and the Cutter *Sherman* are estimated to arrive at Dutch Harbor the morning of December 11, 2011.

The Crowley Tug *Guardsman* is proceeding to Dutch Harbor and is expected to arrive at Dutch Harbor the morning of December 13, 2011. The Tug *Guardsman* will remain at Dutch Harbor until permanent repairs are completed to the M/V *Morning Cedar* steering system. The Tug *Guardsman* is an Invader class tug, 127-ft, with 7,200 horsepower. The tug's towing equipment consists of a Markey TDS DW 36C double drum towing machine outfitted with 3,000-ft of 2.75-in wire on each drum. Her emergency towing gear consists of 450-ft of 7-inch Spectra SK-75.

SOURCE CONTROL: There has been no release.

RESOURCES AFFECTED: There were no reported resources effected.

FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Upon arrival in Dutch Harbor the M/V *Morning Cedar* will complete permanent repairs to the steering system. The steering system repair will then be inspected and testing will be monitored and approved by a USCG Marine Inspector prior to release from Dutch Harbor.

The USCG HH 60 Jayhawk helicopter will remain in Adak until there is favorable weather to return to Kodiak.

The Cutter *Sherman* will continue to follow the M/V *Morning Cedar* while transiting to Dutch Harbor.

The Crowley Tug *Guardsman* is en route to Dutch Harbor; estimated date of arrival at Dutch Harbor is expected to be December 13, 2011. The Tug *Guardsman* will remain at Dutch Harbor until permanent repairs are completed to the M/V Morning Cedar steering system.

WEATHER: Eastern Aleutians Adak to Nikolski; Storm warning Saturday. Today: South winds 40 knots, seas 13-ft. rain showers tonight: South wind 35 knots, seas 15-ft. rain showers and snow. Saturday: Southwest wind 50 knots, seas 24-ft. rain and snow showers.

UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:

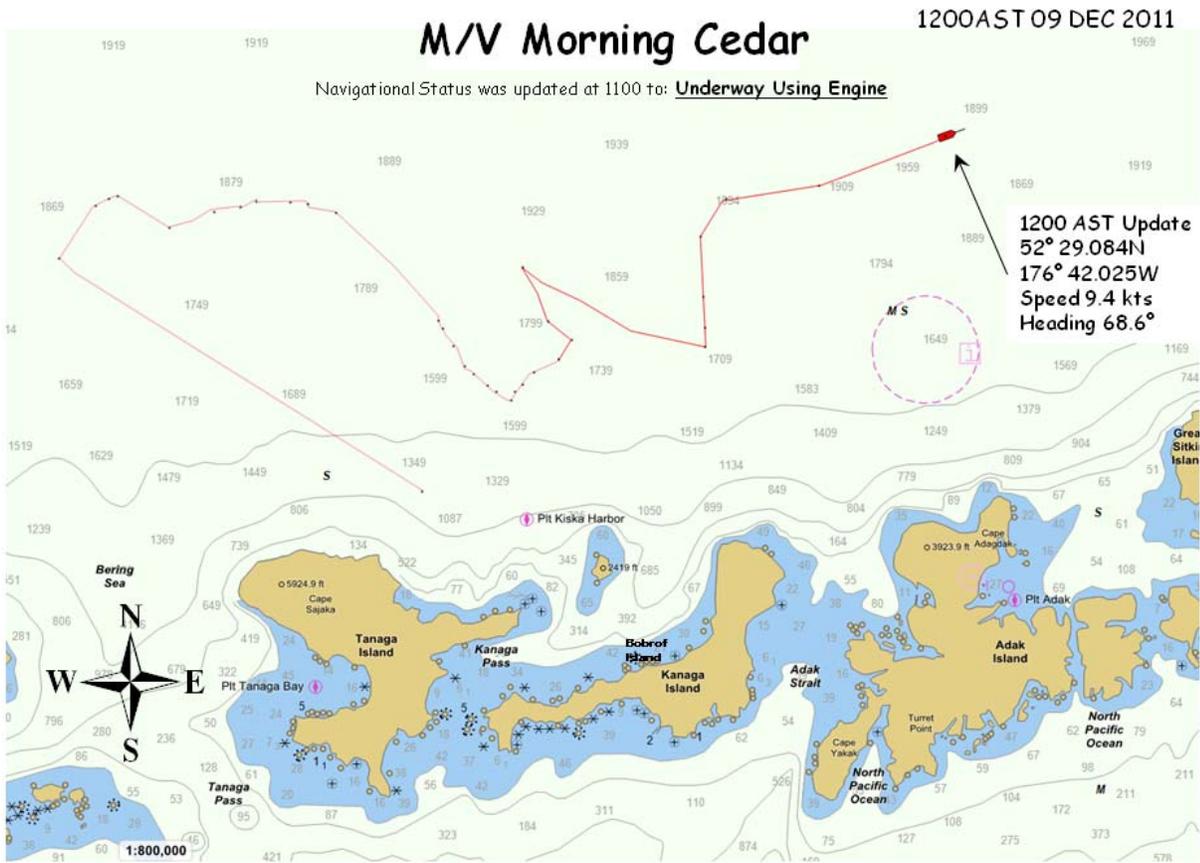
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