



# News Release

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## Coast Guard coordinates rescue of five, one dog



MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. — U.S. Coast Guard units coordinated with local partners in a response to a capsized vessel with five persons and a dog in the water off Mackinac Island, Michigan on Friday.

After 2 p.m., Coast Guard Sector Northern Great Lakes received a report from Mackinac County Dispatch of a capsized vessel with multiple people in the water, including children, approximately 200 yards off Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

The Coast Guard Sector immediately launched a Station St. Ignace 29-foot Response Boat-Small crew, who responded to the scene along with a Mackinac Marine Rescue and the Shepler's Ferry Wyandot. Within 20 minutes of initial notification to the Coast Guard, all five persons as well as a dog had safely been recovered from the water.

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“Thanks to our close coordination with local and commercial partners, we were able to accomplish a quick and safe rescue of all persons involved,” said Lt. Alex Waide, Sector Northern Great Lakes Search and Rescue Coordinator. “This is also a great reminder of how important it is to wear life jackets; in this situation, all five of the distressed boaters were wearing them which helped buy first responders the few minutes needed to get to them in time.”

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