



## **IOSA Winter Response Reports**

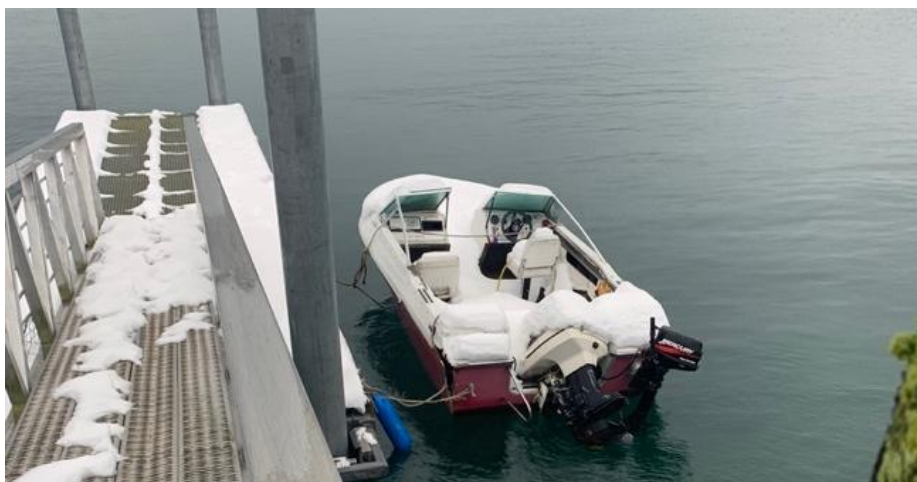
**On 11/4/22**, IOSA received a report that a 50' boat was drifting in the area of Sunset Point on San Juan Island. IOSA sent staff to the area to provide information to the USCG. The USCG was on the way and were seeking on-scene information about the situation. Within 20 minutes of the report, IOSA arrived and did not see any boats in the area. Following the direction of the tide and wind, the search moved towards Smuggler's Cove and then to Mitchell Bay and Mosquito Pass. IOSA was able to provide information to responders that narrowed their search. The responders were also appreciative of the on-scene weather reports that indicated that conditions would allow safe towing. Shortly after IOSA provided an initial report, the USCG located that boat and safely towed it to the Roche Harbor area. The owner assisted with securing the boat and the threat to the boat and environment were eliminated. Sometimes what you don't see can be as important as what you do see.

**On 12/12/22**, IOSA received a call about a Chris Craft vessel aground near Aleck Bay. IOSA followed up with the reporting party, and worked with a local resident to make sure that all the proper notifications were made. Based on the accurate and timely reporting, the USCG responded to the scene. They worked with the vessel owners to confirm that a majority of the petroleum products had been removed from the vessel, which removed the imminent threat to the environment. IOSA continued to monitor the situation and worked with the Department of Ecology, the Derelict Vessel Program and the County to explore ways to safely remove the boat from Aleck Bay. The Sheriff's Department also worked directly with the owners of the boat to resolve the situation. The quick reporting by a concerned citizen, brought the strength of several agencies together to provide the best possible response given the unfortunate situation.



**Vessel aground in Aleck Bay**

**On 12/12/22**, IOSA received an email regarding a boat that had been abandoned at the County Boat dock in Obstruction Pass. The information was shared with the County Derelict Vessel Program. On 12/23/22, severe weather was impacting the County. IOSA received a report that the Sheriff's Office was responding to a boat that was in danger of sinking at the Obstruction Pass Dock. Utilizing resources and information from the public, IOSA, the Sheriff's Department and the Derelict Vessel Program, the boat was removed from the water before it sank. The removal saved countless hours of cleanup that would have included debris and a small amount of petroleum products. A great example of working together to get things done.



**Abandoned vessel on county boat dock in Obstruction Pass**