

M/V GYPSY QUEEN

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

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The top of 3-4 vertical feet of debris in the forward compartment of the GYPSY QUEEN



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1. Incident Name M/V GYPSY QUEEN Wreck Stabilization and Remediation	2. Report Period (Date) January 4, 2012	INCIDENT STATUS SUMMARY ICS 209-A <i>[abbreviated]</i>
3. Operation Section Summary: <p>Today: Global mobilized the DSV PRUDHOE BAY to the location of the GYPSY QUEEN arriving on scene at 0800. Global's dive crew arrived at the same time by truck. The property owner was contacted and we worked through access issues to allow operations to commence in accordance with the owners wishes. Global contacted towing companies and arranged for a tug to transport the GYPSY QUEEN to a moorage where she can be safely moored and cleaned of hydrocarbons and HAZMAT.</p> <p>The PRUDHOE BAY was placed into a 4 point moor offshore the wreck and dive operations commenced to seal the through hull penetrations and port lights. During the initial survey 7 of the 14 starboard side portholes were found to be open. One porthole had 3 garden hoses passed through it, assumedly the discharge hoses for the temporary bilge pumps reportedly in place on the vessel.</p> <p>As the tide dropped efforts to install pumps into the vessel commenced. These efforts were repeatedly thwarted by the extraordinary amount of submerged and floating debris contained within the vessel. The debris consists of trash, clothing, furniture and all manner of "stuff". Estimates are that the floating debris is 3-4' thick in places. Pumping and patching efforts continued until 2145 with a noticeable decrease in water level within the vessel indicating that the vessel will dewater when sufficient pumps are in place. A night crew consisting of a captain and deckhand arrived at 2200 and will stand by on the PRUDHOE BAY through the night.</p> <p>Tomorrow: The crew will return to the GYPSY QUEEN at 0900 and work to install pump suctions below the debris layer. We will be sourcing 2 each 6" trash pumps which will be positioned into the engine room space. Pumping operations will commence when the dropping tide clears the openings in the main deck. The vessel will be refloated and maintained afloat alongside the PRUDHOE BAY.</p>		
4. Safety / Weather Issues: <p>Safety: No issues</p> <p>Weather: Weather in the form of a strong northerly wind did impact operations this afternoon shifting the position of the PRUDHOE BAY in the mooring. Following is a forecast from the National Weather Service.</p> <p>Overnight: Showers likely. Cloudy, with a low around 44. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 24 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.</p> <p>Thursday: Showers likely, mainly before 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Southwest wind between 11 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.</p> <p>Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers before 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a steady temperature around 42. West wind 5 to 7 mph becoming south.</p> <p>Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. South wind between 6 and 8 mph.</p> <p>Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. South southeast wind between 6 and 8 mph.</p>		
5. Special Issues: Global has searched unsuccessfully for documentation in the form of vessel drawings detailing internal configuration, bulkhead locations, watertight door arrangements, tank volumes, etc. Global requests that concerned agencies utilize available avenues in an attempt to locate this information. It goes without saying that this information is crucial in any vessel recovery operation. Given the amount of debris visually and physically blocking access to the companionways and ladders leading below these drawings would be extremely helpful if they are available.		
6. Equipment Resource Status – Engaged		
Kind	Notes	
DSV PRUDHOE BAY	Mobilized and departing Seattle 0000 on 1-4-12 with two (2) crewmen	
Patching, rigging and dewatering equipment	Mobilized onto the PRUDHOE BAY and/or trucks	
2 ea - 2 Ton flatbed trucks	Mobilized with gear. Scheduled to arrive Steamboat Slough at 0800 on 1-4-12	
1 ea – Environmental Response Trailer		

7. Personnel Resources			
Agency		Total # of People	
Global Diving & Salvage, Inc.		10	
8. Attachments with clarifying information			
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