NOVEMBER 2026 Coast Guard Report - HSC

Executive Summary of Marine Casualties

During October, a total of twelve marine casualties were recorded, divided between deep draft and small vessels. Among deep draft vessels, there were two propulsion and one equipment failures caused by electrical or mechanical component malfunctions. Within the passenger, towing, and small vessel sector, operations were impacted by 9 marine casualties, categorized by 7 losses of propulsion caused by auxiliary mechanical or electrical issues, 1 punctured hull, and 1 grounding.

Vessel Safety, Navigation, and Environmental Overview

1. **Operational Controls & Navigation:** Twelve corrective actions were issued to manage vessel risks and mitigate maritime hazards. This included six Captain of the Port (COTP) Orders restricting vessel movements (five issued for navigation safety deficiencies and one issued for port safety and security due to hazardous fuel transfer) and six operational control orders issued via CG-835 deficiencies requiring immediate resolution prior to movement for vessels experiencing electrical malfunctions or propulsion losses. Additionally, one inbound letter of deviation was issued to a deep draft vessel operating with an inoperable anchor windlass.

Marine Casualties: Most reported casualties involved loss of propulsion, power, or equipment failures. Vessels were placed under operational control and were lifted after repairs, cleaning actions, or Class verification. Common contributing factors included faulty sensors, wiring, starter components, engine alarms, fuel-system leaks, and cooling-system blockages. One flooding event and one grounding were also reported.

Vessel Safety Conditions: Two vessels were placed under operational control for navigation safety and unauthorized anchoring.

2. **Environmental Incidents:** The Incident Management Division responded to twenty-six pollution incidents, pursuing standard federal enforcement for discharges involving a sunken vessel in the Napa River and a vessel discharging oil in Moss Landing.