

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

**SITUATION REPORT**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Clipper Odyssey Grounding

**SITREP #:** 1

**SPILL NUMBER:** 04259921201

**LEDGER CODE:** Requested

**TIME/DATE OF SPILL:** 9:30 p.m. on July 31, 2004. The spill was reported to the ADEC at 11:00 p.m. by David Eley, Alaska Steamship Response.

**TIME/DATE OF SITUATION REPORT :** 11:30 a.m.. August 1, 2004

**TIME/DATE OF THE NEXT REPORT:** 10:00 a.m. August 1, 2004.

**TYPE/AMOUNT OF PRODUCT SPILLED:** U.S. Coast Guard estimates 5500 gallons of #2 Diesel fuel. This estimate is based upon the amount of fuel reported to be in the damaged #1 port fuel tank.

**LOCATION:** Vessel grounding was on the NE corner of Unalga Island, Baby Pass, Aleutian Islands. Latitude 54.0 N; Longitude 166.06 W.

**CAUSE OF SPILL:** According to preliminary information from the U.S Coast Guard, the vessel Clipper Odyssey ran aground between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Reports to ADEC indicate that the grounding damaged the #1 port fuel tank and may have also breached a graywater tank

**POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY (PRP):** Clipper Odyssey, LTD. Vessel operator has been identified as New World Ship Management.

**RESPONSE ACTION:** At the time of the grounding, 196 passengers were on board the Clipper Odyssey. These passengers were evacuated from the vessel and transported to Dutch Harbor. No injuries were reported to ADEC. The crew remained onboard to assist with salvage of the vessel.

With the assistance of two tugs, the salvor Magone Marine stabilized the vessel between 2:30 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. on August 1. Permission was received from the U.S. Coast Guard to proceed to Dutch Harbor for repairs. Oil containment boom will be placed around the vessel upon arrival in Dutch Harbor.

Diesel fuel was reported to be leaking from the damaged tank. The response contractor Chadux has been activated and has response equipment pre-staged in Dutch Harbor. The initial response to the grounding is being managed by personnel stationed in Dutch Harbor using these pre-staged resources.

An Incident Management Team representing the responsible party is en route to Dutch Harbor from Anchorage along with additional responders and equipment from Chadux. Two (2) ADEC responders are en route to Dutch Harbor by commercial air. Their ETA in Dutch Harbor is 1220 hours today. A Coast Guard H-60 helicopter has been deployed to Dutch Harbor and the Cutter STORIS is due to arrive in Dutch Harbor today. The International Bird Rescue Research Center (IBRRC) was alerted.

**SOURCE CONTROL:** Oil was observed leaking from the damaged #1 port fuel tank. It is unknown at this time how much fuel, if any, is still in the tank. The vessel will be boomed upon arrival at Dutch Harbor and fuel remaining in the damaged tank will be offloaded.

**RESOURCES AFFECTED:** ADEC notified the Alaska resource agencies of the Departments of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and Natural Resources (ADNR). The extent of contamination at the grounding site is not

yet known. An overflight of the area will be conducted as soon as possible to track the oil slick, any impacts, and to identify wildlife in the area.

**FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Overflights will be conducted to determine the extent of oiling at the location of the grounding and along the vessel transit route to Dutch Harbor. ADEC responders will participate in the overflights. Wildlife in the potential impact areas will be identified and wildlife rescue plans will be developed as needed. The preliminary identification of priority protection sites has been requested from resource agencies as a contingency.

Chadux will place boom around the vessel after arrival in Dutch Harbor and prepare oil spill recovery equipment in case recoverable quantities of oil are located. U.S. Coast Guard will investigate the cause of grounding and oversee repairs. ADEC shall continue to provide response and cleanup oversight.

**WEATHER:** Rain. Areas of fog. Highs in the lower 60s. Southeast wind 15 to 25 mph

**UNIFIED COMMAND AND PERSONNEL:**

Incident Commander: Jim Burns, O'Brian Group  
 F.O.S.C.: Capt. Ron Morris, U.S.C.G.  
 S.O.S.C.: Gary Folley, ADEC  
 Field S.O.S.C.: Frank Wesser, ADEC

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Folley, 262-5210, extension 234, or cell phone 398-4368. As they become available to ADEC, photographs and other spill information will be made available for viewing at: <http://www.state.ak.us/dec/spar/perp/index.htm>. Information on the vessel, including photographs, may be found at the Clipper Cruise website: <http://www.clippercruise.com/index.asp>

**AGENCY/STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION LIST**

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Sent Via</b>		<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Facsimile</b>
USCG-MSO/ANC	Captain Morris	Fax		271-6700	271-6751
U.S. EPA	Matt Carr/Carl Lautenberger	Fax		271-3616	271-3424
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Sent Via</b>	<b>Session/Interim</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Facsimile</b>
DH Port Director	Alvin Osterback	Fax		581-1254	581-2519
Unalaska Mayor	Pam Fitch	Fax		581-1211	581-1695
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