News Release

Golden Seas gains limited power, assets still responding

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The crew of the 738-foot vessel Golden Seas reported on scene weather has diminished temporarily allowing the crew to utilize limited engine capability to maneuver northeast away from land.

The waves on scene have reportedly reduced from 29 feet to 20 feet, however, the vessel Tor Viking II remains en route to the Golden Seas and is expected on scene around noon tomorrow. The Coast Guard Cutter Alex Haley is also en route and is expected to arrive sometime Sunday afternoon.

Two Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk helicopters and crews arrived in Dutch Harbor Friday and will continue to Adak to provide rescue capabilities if needed.

The crew of the Golden Seas reported an engine turbo-charge failure to the Coast Guard at 4 a.m. Friday limiting power and steerage about 70 miles north of Adak and drifting southeast toward Atka Island.

The Golden Seas is carrying Canola seed from Vancouver, Canada to the United Arab Emirates.

The Tor Viking II is a 251 foot towing vessel outfitted with four engines totaling 18,300 horse power.

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