

# Coast Guard Responds to Vessel Collision Near California-Mexico Maritime Border

SAN DIEGO – The Coast Guard medevaced an injured person via helicopter and rescued 17 passengers after a vessel collision near the maritime boundary line, the 11th Coast Guard District said in an Oct. 27 release.

The crew of the 332-foot yacht *Attessa IV* contacted Coast Guard Sector San Diego's Joint Harbor Operations Center watchstanders at approximately 7:50 p.m. reporting a collision with the 65-foot sportfisher *Prowler* approximately nine miles offshore of Imperial Beach that resulted in extensive damage to the starboard quarter of the vessel and multiple injuries.

A Coast Guard Sector San Diego MH-60 *Jayhawk* helicopter crew and a Coast Guard Station San Diego 45-foot response boat-medium crew were dispatched to respond. The Coast Guard Cutter *Sea Otter* was also diverted to assist.

Crews arrived on scene at approximately 8:45 p.m. The *Jayhawk* crew hoisted a critically injured passenger and returned to Sector San Diego where awaiting EMS took the man to UC San Diego Medical Center–Hillcrest in critical condition.

The RB-M crew transferred 17 passengers, two reporting injuries, from the *Prowler* and took them to Sector San Diego.

The remaining 10 passengers were transferred to the *Attessa IV* and are scheduled to return to San Diego, while the captain remained aboard the *Prowler*.

The *Sea Otter* remained on-scene with the *Prowler* awaiting

commercial salvage. The cause of the collision is under investigation.