

Coast Guard Transports Injured Oil Tanker Crewman Off Cape Lookout

CAPE LOOKOUT, N.C. – The U.S. Coast Guard on Sept. 19 transported by medical helicopter an oil tanker crew member from about 260 miles southeast of Cape Lookout.

Watchstanders at the Coast Guard's 5th District command center were notified by watchstanders from the 7th District's command center that a 39-year-old man aboard the 723-foot oil tanker New Activity had suffered injuries after experiencing a fall and needed medical evacuation.

An MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter aircrew and an HC-130J Hercules aircrew launched from Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City.

The Hercules aircrew arrived first, providing visual oversight and communications support while crew members aboard the Jayhawk arrived and hoisted the man aboard the helicopter.

The mariner was taken to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, where he was transferred to an emergency medical services helicopter aircrew, who brought him to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, North Carolina.

"Cases far offshore require a great deal of cooperation and coordination, and our partners at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point were able to provide everything necessary in these areas," said Lt. Christopher Saylor, command duty officer at the Coast Guard's 5th District command center. "The ability of the tanker to contact and communicate their need for medical assistance was also an expediting factor in this rescue and helped aircrews to determine the fastest course of action to take."