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FIRE AGENCIES RESPOND TO NON-INJURY BOAT FIRE IN MONTEREY BAY - VESSEL SUSTAINED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE

Monterey, Calif. – At 3:31 a.m. on June 10, 2024, North County Fire Protection District was dispatched to a vessel in distress in the Monterey Bay. Upon arrival, fire crews were able to make contact with a Moss Landing based 48-foot motor yacht, 2 Knotty, with five people on board and confirmed there was a fire on board in the engine room.

Monterey Fire Department Boat 12 was requested as a mutual aid resource along with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to assist. Monterey Fire Boat 12 arrived at scene, more than a mile offshore, and immediately took action to assist the five people onto the USCG vessel and then suppress the fire.

Due to sea conditions, boarding the vessel proved challenging so they utilized the fixed mount monitor to douse the flames. Once the main body of the fire was suppressed, crews were able to get closer and utilize a handline off the bow to further extinguish the stubborn fire. The vessel was then towed in just east of the Monterey Harbor by USCG. Boat 12 remained alongside, periodically applying water as smoke persisted.

Once in calmer waters, the fire was fully extinguished, and the vessel was relocated to the Breakwater Cove Marina for haul out. The fire was overhauled with the assistance of Monterey Fire Department Truck 11 in the dry dock area. There were no injuries to any passengers or responding crews. The vessel suffered significant damage and the investigation is ongoing.