

On June 15th 2009 at 0930 while working in the Base Yard, I received notice by a co-worker of a call from the US Coast Guard that there was a large group of 25 pilings adrift in the south bay. After getting underway on the RACCOON at 1005 I called USCG Vessel Traffic Center and they informed me that the first report was that morning at 0200 in Anchorage #9 in the South Bay. I never saw or heard that we had a faxed report to us from the USCG as usual.

That doesn't mean there wasn't one.

I arrived on station with the hazard at 1100 hours 1/4 mile north of the Bay Bridge span Delta Echo. (DE) It had been riding the ebb current out of the south Bay and Close to the southern edge of Anchorage #7.

We took the large hazard in stern tow of the Raccoon. It was a corner of what looked like an old car ferry fendering system. There were no collision marks or fresh wood splintering or brakes. It looked to us all that the pilings had simply rotted away.

I towed the large derelict into the debris dock ramp as it was too heavy for the Raccoon Crane to lift. We didn't even try. I logged in that we arrived at out dock at 1345. The hazard was approximately 25 tons and 23' long by 15' wide feet by 18' deep.

I believe this hazard did originate from somewhere South Bay. I do not know the exact location. Sometimes I can find certain locations and so far I have not found where this has come from.

Here are the pictures:

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