

T/V *Krisitn Poling* Grounding
Situation Update
11 November 2006

The T/V *Krisitn Poling* continues hard aground at the entrance to East Rockaway Inlet.

Updates:

Lightering: As of 1900, crews have lightered over 7,000 of the 16,000 barrels of home heating oil on board. Lightering has been somewhat hampered by 3-5 foot swells striking the ship broad-side. Great caution is being taken with the proximity of the lightering barge to the vessel for fears of a collision.

Salvage: Crews, using two smaller than desired tugs have tried to free the vessel at two high tides, but have failed. The next attempt will be at the 0046 high tide on 12 Nov. Hopes are high, but expectations are measured. Tide heights continue to decrease as we head into the neaps (lowest astronomical tides).

Pollution: No oil pollution has been observed from the vessel and holds appear sound. Local, state and federal organizations have been preparing for the protection of sensitive areas by deploying boom and equipment and generating plans for additional deployments (figure 1 & 2)



Figure 1

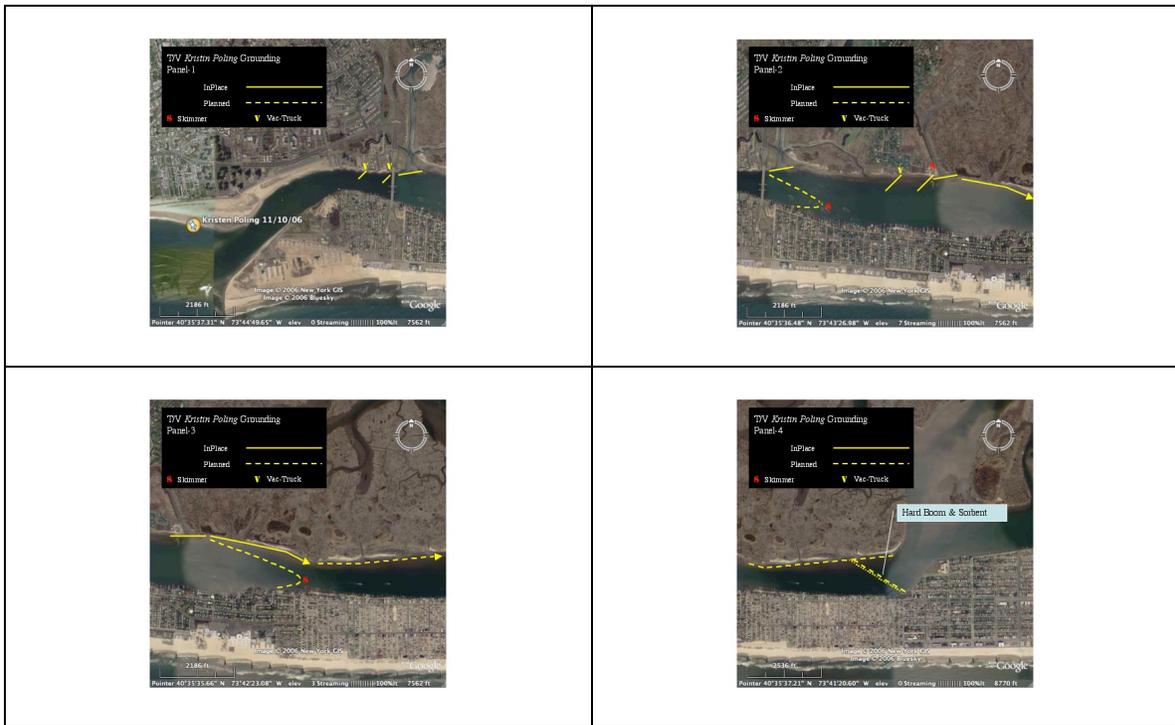


Figure 2

As a contingency overnight, it was decided that two existing deployed and staged booms would be reconfigured in order to protect the extensive Broad Channel marsh area (figure 3). One deployed boom would be pulled across the Reynolds Channel from its shoreline protection position and another would be deployed immediately from the trailer at its staging area. Both efforts could be accomplished in a short period and is believed to reduce the risk to the marsh area.

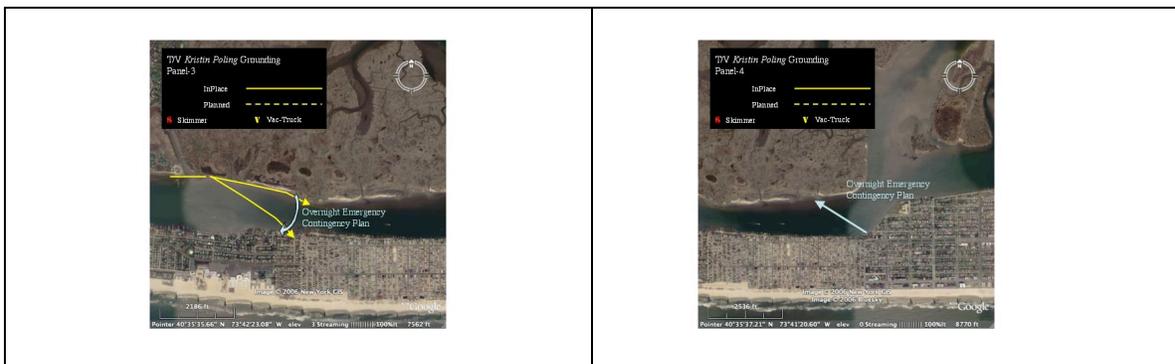


Figure 3

NOAA Activities

NOAA has provided weather, tides, trajectory estimates, resources at risk and extensive work with the state incident commander on development of protection strategies.

Future Actions

The command will continue to effort the lightering and salvage of the vessel as well as contingency planning and deployment for the protection of priority areas.

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