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SPECIAL BULLETIN

Bay Oil Spill

Many of you may be aware of the oil spill that occurred on Wednesday, November 7 at approximately 8:30 a.m. An 810 foot vessel struck the base of the Bay Bridge putting an 80 by 20 foot gash in the left side of the hull. The ship was owned by Cosco Busan and was bound from Oakland to South Korea.

The Coast Guard was alerted and crews worked throughout the day with floating booms to remove nearly 8,000 gallons. They continue to deploy all available resources to clean up the spill.

By 1 p.m., estimates put the spill at 140 gallons of fuel but by 10 p.m., that amount was upgraded to approximately 58,000 gallons. The National Park Service has closed six beaches due to the spill: Chrissy Field, China Beach, Backer Beach, Rodeo Beach Kirby Cove, and Black Sands Beach in Marin. Reports have placed a sheen as far north as Dillon Beach and as far south as Hunters Point. The impact to wildlife is unknown at this time. Signs have been posted along our shoreline warning the public not to enter the water and restrict pets from entering.

The spill has begun to hit parts of Tiburon along Main Street and Paradise Drive. The Town itself does not have the resources to contain or cleanup the spill; nor do we have the necessary personnel or equipment to assist with the placement of containment booms or oil removal. However, the Town is working with the Tiburon Fire Department, the Coast Guard, and State and County Offices of Emergency Services to address the necessary response measures. The Corinthian Yacht Club is working to contain a smaller spill in their area.

The Coast Guard is mapping spill locations from the air and coordinating with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area for clean-up efforts at landfall. If you are interested in volunteer efforts, clean-up measures, or other response measures, please contact the Coast Guard at 331-8247 or the Tiburon Fire District at 435-7200.

Please don't hesitate to call Laurie Nilsen, the Tiburon/Belvedere Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, at (415) 435-7386 with your questions. For oiled wildlife, call (877) 823-6926, for Coast Guard updates, call (415) 399-7305, and for new sightings call (985) 781-0804. Send us an [email](#), or visit us at Town Hall.

Sincerely,

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