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MDMR Marine Patrol Rescues Two Men Near Square Handkerchief Reef

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) Marine Patrol rescued two men today whose 21-foot catamaran style boat was swamped near Square Handkerchief Reef about four miles south of the Bay. St. Louis Bridge.

The two men, Michael Mong, 32, the captain of the boat, and Charles Givens, 37, both of Gulfport, were anchored near Square Handkerchief Reef. When the boat started sinking, the two men put on lifejackets and swam to the rocks. Mong called Hancock County Emergency 911, and they contacted MDMR Marine Patrol. Marine Patrol received the call at 3:38 p.m., and MDMR Marine Patrol Msgt. John Grimsley and Msgt. Will Freeman arrived on the scene at 3:48 p.m. The two men were picked up. No injuries were sustained.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.ms.gov.

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