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Equipment - All Tactics

Boom(ft)	800
Marine anchors	4
Shore anchors	4
Sorbent Boom(ft)	0
FO Recovery Sys	0
Shore Responders	2
Boat Responders	3
Boats	2

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Response Trailer, Tactics Deployment, and Responder Safety Information







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Location

**Latitude:** 41°31'24" N  
**Longitude:** 70°41'1" W  
**NOAA Chart #**

**Geographic Response Strategy**

**Woods Hole CI17A**

<b>Tactic #</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Response Equipment</b>	<b>Deployment Resources</b>	<b>Deployment Notes</b>
<b>EX-01e</b> 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	400 ft protected water boom 2 marine anchor system 2 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent. Deploy shoreside anchor first.
		 <b>Testing Date</b>	 <b>N Tested</b>	
<b>EX-01f</b> 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	400 ft protected water boom 2 marine anchor system 2 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent. Deploy shoreside anchor first.
		 <b>Testing Date</b>	 <b>N Tested</b>	

Local contacts

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Falmouth-Natural Resources	<a href="tel:5084572536">(508) 457-2536</a>
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Nantucket Soundkeeper	<a href="tel:5087759767">(508) 775-9767</a>
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Resources Protected

Marine Mammals	Seals
Fish	Shellfish, finfish
Invertebrates	<b>None identified</b>
Birds	Waterfowl concentration, Seabirds, shorebirds
Threat/End. Species	<b>None identified</b>
Cultural	<b>None identified</b>
Subsistence	<b>None identified</b>
Human Use	Commercial boat harbor, high-use recreational area
Commercial Fishing	<b>None identified</b>
Land Management	<b>None identified</b>
Coastal Habitat	Marsh, sheltered tidal flats, barrier beach



*Ram Island looking northwest*

Special Considerations & Navigational Hazards

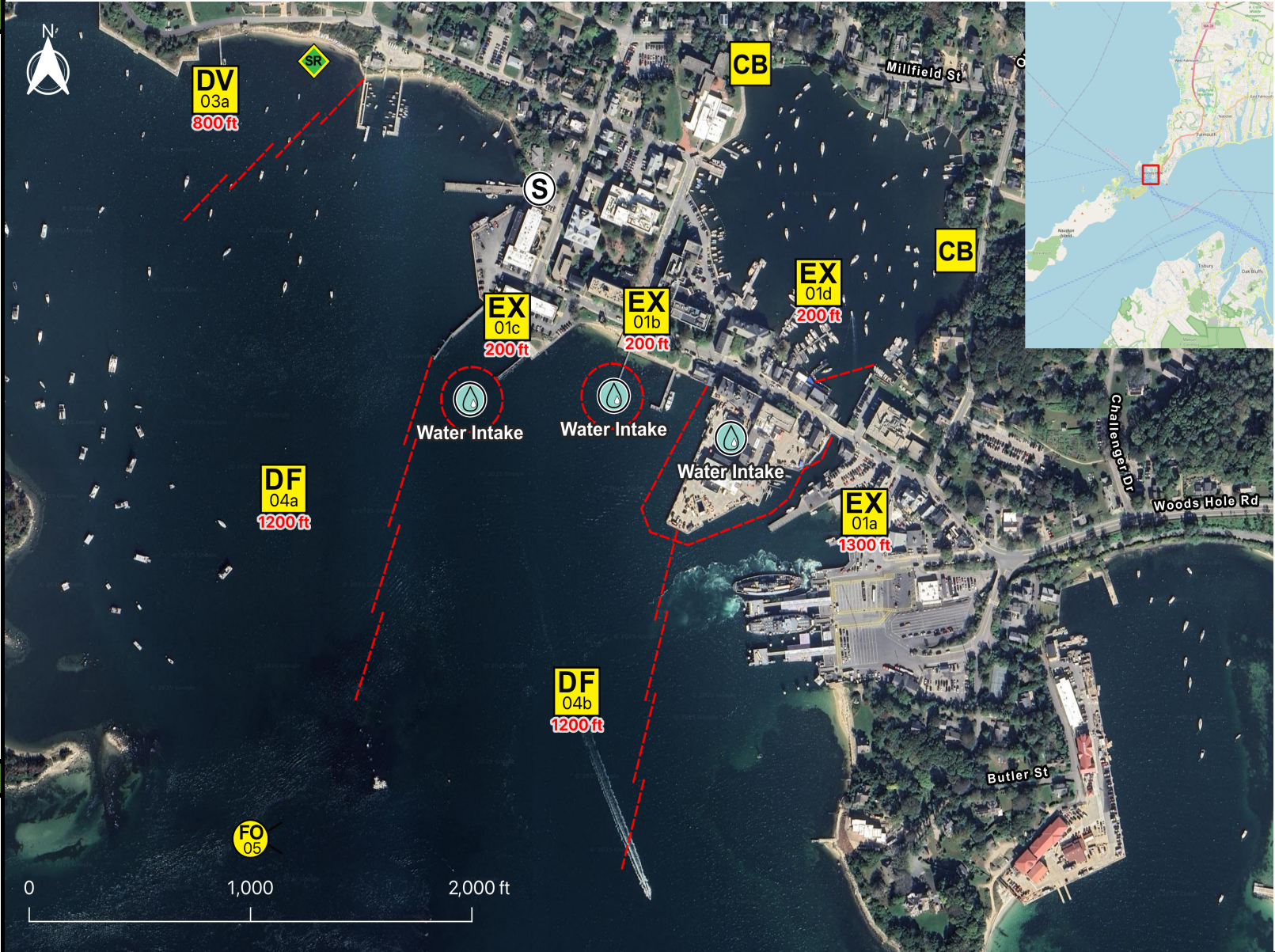
Use caution in sandy dunes during months when plovers are present. Use caution operating in nearshore areas when Roseate Terns are foraging. Nesting areas may include beaches, sandspits, foredunes, & washover areas in dunes. Consult with USFWS as early as possible regarding shoreline collection areas and access plans. Use extreme caution. Shoal waters with numerous reefs rocks & continually shifting sand bars. Currents and winds are locally variable and can create dangerous operating environments. Vessel operators should have local knowledge.

# MassDEP Cape & Islands Geographic Response Strategy

# Woods Hole CI17B

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## Equipment - All Tactics

Boom(ft)	5100
Marine anchors	35
Shore anchors	7
Sorbent Boom(ft)	0
FO Recovery Sys	1
Shore Responders	2
Boat Responders	9
Boats	3

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**Latitude:** 41°31'22" N  
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# Geographic Response Strategy

Woods Hole CI17B

Tactic #	Purpose	Response Equipment	Deployment Resources	Deployment Notes
<b>EX-01a</b> 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	1300 ft protected water boom 7 marine anchor system 2 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 2 response boats 6 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent Deploy shoreside anchor first.
			<b>Testing Date</b>	
<b>EX-01b</b> 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	200 ft protected water boom 3 marine anchor system shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent Deploy shoreside anchor first.
		10/29/25	<b>Testing Date</b>	
<b>EX-01c</b> 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	200 ft protected water boom 3 marine anchor system shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent Deploy shoreside anchor first.
			<b>Testing Date</b>	
<b>EX-01d</b> 	Prohibit oil slicks from entering a sensitive area	200 ft protected water boom 1 marine anchor system 2 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to exclude oil from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Not tide dependent Deploy shoreside anchor first.
			<b>Testing Date</b>	
<b>CB</b> 	Prevent oil that has entered drainage systems from impacting waterways and sensitive areas	2 inflatable plug, sand bag, or plywood	2 shore responders	At low tide deploy appropriate size inflatable culvert plug in the culvert. Monitor to ensure blocking integrity. Without culvert plug, place plywood or similar sheeting material across the culvert. Use plastic sheeting to ensure the seal. Stack sandbags against plywood to counter outflow pressure
		N/A	<b>Testing Date</b>	
<b>DV-03a</b> 	Redirect spilled oil from one location or direction of travel to a specific site for recovery.	800 ft protected water boom 7 marine anchor system 1 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 1 response boats 3 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to divert incoming oil to the collection site. Anchor every 200-300'. Adjust angle as necessary to reduce entrainment. Set up shoreside recovery and tend throughout tide. Deploy shoreside anchor first.
			<b>Testing Date</b>	
<b>DF-04a</b> 	Direct spilled oil away from a location to be protected or to change the course of the slick.	1200 ft protected water boom 7 marine anchor system 1 shoreline anchor system	2 shore responders 2 response boats 6 boat responders	Tend through tidal changes. Deploy boom as depicted to deflect incoming oil away from sensitive areas. Anchor every 200-300'. Deploy shoreside anchor first.
			<b>Testing Date</b>	
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			<b>Testing Date</b>	
<b>FO-05</b> 	Contain and recover spilled oil on the water in the offshore & nearshore environment	1 or more onwater skimming systems		On-water recovery task force consisting of 2 or more vessels towing boom in U or J configuration, with skimming system and temporary storage for recovered oil and water. Location not exact, will move to chase oil.
		N/A	<b>Testing Date</b>	
<b>SR-06</b> 	Remove spilled oil that has been diverted to a designated recovery site accessible from shore	1 skimming system 1 storage tank or bladder 1 hoses, pumps, fittings	2 shore responders	Set up shoreside recovery tactic at general location depicted on map. Some access points located at private residences. Access may be difficult
		N/A	<b>Testing Date</b>	

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Woods Hole C17B

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Notify Woods Hole MBL and NMFS facilities of any potential threats to their seawater intakes. Use extreme caution. Shoal waters with numerous reefs rocks & continually shifting sand bars. Currents and winds are locally variable and can create dangerous operating environments. Vessel operators should have local knowledge.