

Tactics Legend

- DF** Deflection Booming
- DV** Diversion Booming
- EX** Exclusion Booming
- FO** Free Oil Recovery
- PR** Passive Recovery
- SR** Shoreside Recovery
- S** Staging Area
-  Boat Ramp
- BB** Beach Berm
- TG** Tide Gate
-  Protected-Water Boom
-  Open-Water Boom
-  Snare/ Sorbent Boom

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

Version

12/31/25



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

Tactic #	Purpose	Response Equipment	Deployment Resources	Deployment Notes
EX-01e 	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.
				
EX-01f 	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.
				

Local contacts

Falmouth-Fire	(508) 495-2500
Falmouth-Harbormaster	(508) 457 2550
Falmouth-Natural Resources	(508) 457-2536
Steamship Authority	(508) 548-5011
Nantucket Soundkeeper	(508) 775-9767
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	(508) 457-2000
Marine Biological Laboratory	(508) 548-3705
NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center	(508) 495-2000



Woods Hole and Eel Pond looking southeast

Resources Protected

Marine Mammals	Seals
Fish	Shellfish, finfish
Invertebrates	None identified
Birds	Waterfowl concentration, Seabirds, shorebirds
Threat/End. Species	None identified
Cultural	None identified
Subsistence	None identified
Human Use	Commercial boat harbor, high-use recreational area
Commercial Fishing	None identified
Land Management	None identified
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.

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Latitude: 41°31'22" N
Longitude: 70°40'17" W
NOAA Chart #

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Geographic Response Strategy

Woods Hole CI17B

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EX-01a 	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.
			Testing Date	
EX-01b 	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	Testing Date	
EX-01c 	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.
			Testing Date	
EX-01d 	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.
			Testing Date	
CB 	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	Testing Date	
DV-03a 	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.
			Testing Date	
DF-04a 	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.
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			Testing Date	
FO-05 	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	Testing Date	
SR-06 	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	Testing Date	

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