

MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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REMOVAL OF EXCESS SNOW AND ICE FROM RECREATIONAL AND SMALL FISHING VESSELS

Within the past week there have been several incidents within southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island where recreational or small fishing vessels sunk at their pier or mooring due to excess weight from snow and ice. With another significant winter storm due in our area this week, more vessels may be at risk.

Harbormasters, marina owners and operators, and owners of recreational or small fishing vessels still in the water may want to examine their respective boats for excess snow and ice and, if safe to do so, remove the snow and ice from the boat(s) to the extent possible, and/or remove the boat(s) from the water altogether.

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