

Port of Devonport | Collision Incident Update 9 August 2022

Incident Summary:

On Friday 28 January 2022, cement carrier Goliath collided with two berthed TasPorts' tugs at the Port of Devonport (*York Cove* and *Campbell Cove*). The impact of the collision caused significant damage to the tugs, ultimately causing both to sink.

TasPorts quickly deployed oil spill response equipment and activated its crisis response teams. TasPorts has actively monitored the incident site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week since the collision, with a focus on ensuring the integrity of the oil spill containment area and the salvage of hydrocarbons from the wrecks. These activities continue to be supported by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Updates:

- TasPorts' insurer, Shipowners, and United Salvage, with support from TasPorts, have today continued the preparatory work for the salvage of the *Campbell Cove* wreck.
- Much of yesterday was focussed on finalising the safe landing of the *York Cove* into the cradle on board the *AAL Melbourne* to the satisfaction of the vessel's Master for a sea voyage.
- Due to the damage to the *York Cove* and suspected warping of the hull from the collision, there have been complexities associated with its positioning onto the specially constructed cradle that is sitting on the *AAL Melbourne*.
- The extended time required to position the *York Cove* has in turn prevented transferring the rigs to set up the *Campbell Cove* for lifting.
- The wreck, and the *Campbell Cove* wreck when it is ultimately salvaged, will be welded to the cradles on the deck for transport to Brisbane where they will be scrapped.
- The *Campbell Cove* lift – to be undertaken as soon as practical – presents its own unique set of challenges. The wreck was wedged between the wharf and the wreck of the *York Cove* which meant divers were not able to inspect the extent of the damage.
- A pre-lift will likely be required to move the wreck into an upright position that will make the full lifting operation much safer.
- In addition, the two cranes lifting the *Campbell Cove* will be operating from a floating ship which adds to the complexity of the operation.
- Allowing the wreck to dewater or drain what is largely sea water, mud and silt is also important. This will be happening in the containment area in case there is any oil or diesel in that waste.
- For enquiries related to this incident, please contact DevonportWest@tasports.com.au
- If interested, please download the drone vision of the wrecked *York Cove* on the deck of the *AAL Melbourne* at this link provided (vision provided by Tasmania Police) - <https://transfer.tasports.com.au/link/DDIhb0tkGGhKhfDPUjO6bk>