

Coast Guard Searching for Man Overboard from Freighter; Ocean Ranger Aground in Raspberry Strait

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The Coast Guard is searching for a 21 year-old Filipino crewman reported missing yesterday from the 754-foot Panamanian-flagged cargo vessel Corona Infinity, 40 miles north of Dutch Harbor.

The Coast Guard received a call from the crew of the vessel about 5:30 p.m. yesterday evening indicating that one of their crewman had gone missing and his uniform had been found on the back of the ship.

The Coast Guard immediately diverted an Air Station Kodiak HH-65 Dolphin helicopter assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter Boutwell and issued an urgent marine information broadcast encouraging vessels in the area to keep a look out for the man and assist if possible.

Coast Guard rescue crews searched until 7 p.m. and have continued with a first-light search by an HC-130 Hercules from Air Station Kodiak and an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from the Coast Guard's forward operating location in Cold Bay. The 92-foot fishing vessel Andronica from Dutch Harbor has responded to the broadcast for assistance and is searching the area.

Weather in the area includes 30 mph winds, 11-foot waves, air temperature of 43 degrees Fahrenheit and a water temperature of 41 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Corona Infinity is a bulk coal carrier and was in transit to Prince Rupert, British Columbia, when they noticed the crewman had gone missing. The missing crewman's name is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

Meanwhile closer

to home, the Coast Guard is monitoring a situation in Raspberry Strait, where the fishing vessel Ocean Ranger went soft aground this (Monday) morning. The Coast Guard is not responding at this time, as the captain of the Ocean Ranger reported that they should be able to refloat on the next high tide. The Good Samaritan vessel Gemini is reportedly standing by.