

One Dead, One Missing, Two Safe After FV Advantage Sinks

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One man is dead and another missing after the Kodiak-based fishing vessel Advantage sank early this morning 50 miles southeast of Kodiak City.

Three crew members were rescued from their liferaft by a Coast Guard helicopter around 1 a.m.

Coast Guard spokeswoman Sara Francis says none were wearing survival suits.

Leif Bolan, the skipper of the 58-foot Advantage, died after he and two crewmen were transported to Kodiak, suffering from hypothermia. The other two are reported to be recovering. Their names have not been released.

The missing crewman's name is Jaime Gallega. The search for him was ongoing as of news time.

A signal from an emergency locator beacon was received by the Coast Guard just after midnight, and after the ship could not be raised via radio, a Jayhawk helicopter from Air Station Kodiak was sent to the scene.

There were clear skies, two- to three-foot seas and a water temperature of about 52 degrees Fahrenheit reported by the helicopter crew. The Coast Guard is investigating the sinking