

Sea Cucumber Diver Medevac'd After Air Supply Runs Out

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A Coast Guard helicopter crew from Air Station Kodiak medevac'd a diver from a 48-foot fishing vessel in Alitak (AL-attack) Bay late last (Monday) night. The unidentified 24-year-old was suffering from shortness of breath and was in and out of consciousness when he was lifted from the fishing vessel Patricia Kay at about 10:30 p.m.

The crewman reportedly had been diving for sea cucumbers when he apparently ran out of air and was forced to surface quickly. The crew of the vessel performed CPR while the master of the Patricia Kay called for assistance.

The Coast Guard was notified at about 8:30 of the emergency. The man was flown to Kodiak and transferred to local EMTs in stable condition.

There were 17 mph winds at the time of the medevac, with calm seas and an air temperature of 34 degrees Fahrenheit. The Patricia Kay is homeported in Kodiak. Alitak Bay is about 90 miles southwest of Kodiak City.