

Salvage Recovery - Pleasure Craft

St. Petersburg, FL - August 2007

This 32 foot vessel was salvaged in St. Petersburg, FL in August 2007 by Bluewater Diver & Salvage Co. (BWD). On August 15th, at 21:00 hours, the owner of the vessel called and informed us that the vessel was sunk at the dock behind his residence. At 23:30 hours, I received a call from the owner informing me that the fire dept/HAZMAT team was on scene and that the USCG/MSO was underway. I put 40 feet of one inch C.I.Agent® Quick Deployment Boom in my small car, drove to the scene, stood on the vessel in my shorts and placed three 10 foot sections of boom tie wrapped together from end-to-end from the port and starboard mid-ship bow to make one long 30 foot continuous boom.

The fire department was satisfied and contacted MSO telling them that BWD was on scene and had used C.I.Agent® to contain the spill. The next morning I salvaged the vessel, collected the C.I.Agent® Boom, placed it back in the rubber tote, took it to my salvage yard, and let it dry out for later use. For some things we have VISA®... getting back to bed an hour and a half later to enjoy my night's sleep was priceless.

We all know that placing hard boom and oil absorbent pads in the water would have taken all night and a lot of time the next day. I would be hard pressed to say that I had a whole hour in the entire salvage process for oil containment and clean up with C.I.Agent®.

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C.I.Agent® Costs Comparison

	C.I.Agent®	Environmental Crew
Clean Up Period:	1 man hour	8 man hours
Materials:	4 - 10 ft. C.I.Agent® Quick Deployment Booms	40 absorbent pads, 30 - 10 ft. booms
Product Retrieved:	gasoline sheen	sheen unrecoverable
Total Cost:	\$167	\$1,250