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Ongoing Recovery Effort and Start of Salvage



SANTA BARBARA, Calif. – Dive teams from the Unified Command continued recovery efforts for the last missing person from the dive boat Conception Thursday afternoon. Crews are utilizing a wide range of equipment including Remote Operated Vessels and side-scan sonar to assist with search efforts.

Salvage efforts began Thursday afternoon. The owner of the Conception contracted Global Diving and Salvage to conduct the salvage operation and the US Coast Guard will oversee the implementation of the salvage plan. Once the vessel is out of the water, it will be transferred to a crane barge and escorted by law enforcement to a secure location.

Environmental concerns will be mitigated in coordination with National Park Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, and California Office of Spill Prevention and Response.

Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board investigations into the circumstances surrounding the fire and subsequent sinking of the Conception continue.

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For Video click here:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/707250/mv-conception-salvage-barge-arrives>

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/707252/mv-conception-dive-operations-overflight>

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