GROUNDINGS ON CORAL REEFS

BEST PRACTICES FOR RESPONSE AND PREVENTATIVE MEASURES



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Historical Background

Best Practices – Unified Command, Salvage Plans

Prevention Practices

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

M/V FIRAT

M/V HIND

M/V FEDERALES PESCADORES

M/V FORTNA REEFER

M/V CLIPPER LASCO

M/V FIRAT

Grounded off of Ft Lauderdale, FL November 1994.



M/V FORTUNA REEFER

Grounded off of Mona Island, Puerto Rico in July 1997



M/V HIND

Grounded off of Fort Lauderdale, FL in 1998



M/V MARGARA

Grounded off of Tallaboa, P.R. in April 2006



M/V CLIPPER LASCO

Grounded off of Ft Lauderdale, FL September 2006



M/V VAGABOND

Grounded off of British Virgin Islands
October 2006



Best Practices

Unified Command/ Incident Command System

Salvage Plans

Unified Command Inclusion

- Jurisdictional Authority
- Impacts Organization's AOR
- Specifically responsible
- Resources



*This usually includes local authorities as well.

Unified Command Command Staff Liaison Officer Safety Officer Public Information Officer Intelligence Officer Operations Section Planning Section Logistics Section Finance/Admin Section Chief Chief Chief Chief Service Branch Time Unit Leader Staging Area Resources Director Manager Unit Leader Procurement Unit Communications Air Operations Situation Leader **Unit Leader Branch Director** Unit Leader Medical Compensation/ Documentation Air Support **Claims Unit Leader Unit Leader** Unit Leader **Group Supvrs** Food Cost Demobilization Air Tactical **Unit Leader Unit Leader** Unit Leader **Group Supvrs Support Branch** Environmental Branch Director Unit Leader Directors Supply Technical **Unit Leader** Division **Ground Support** Specialists* Supervisors **Unit Leader Facilities** Group **Unit Leader Vessel Support** Supervisors

Unit Leader

Best Practices

Use of ICS throughout process allows for salvage plan to incorporate input from all stakeholders.

USCG

State representative

Responsible Party

Resource Trustees

More than vessel and cargo salvage.

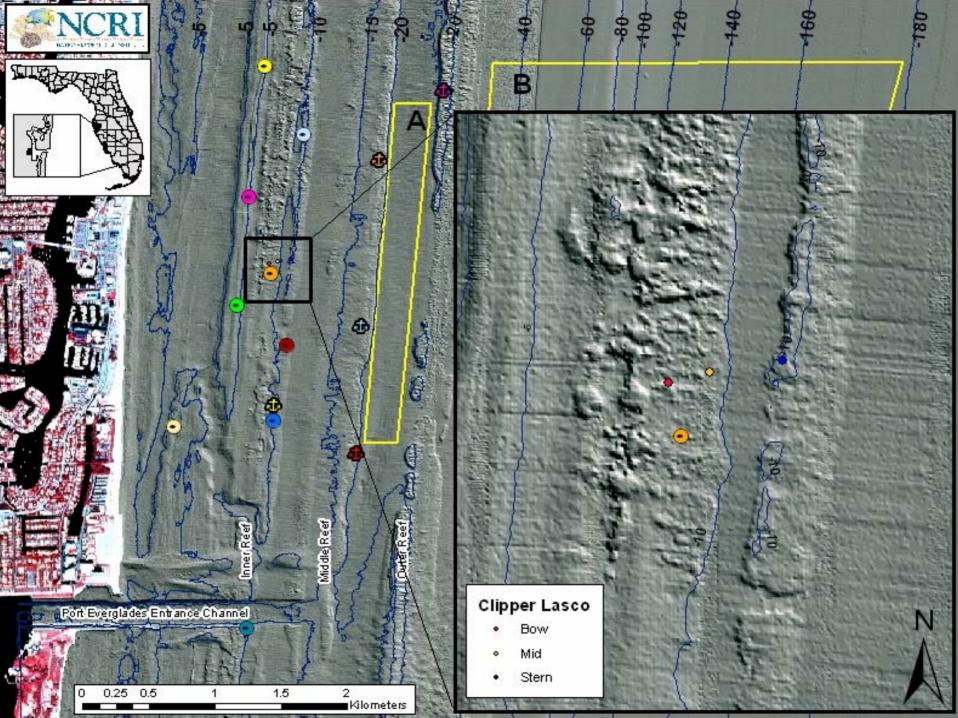
Includes Best Practices to reduce environmental harm

Including, but not limited to:

Non-sinking (floating) tow lines.

Careful placement of anchors, if necessary

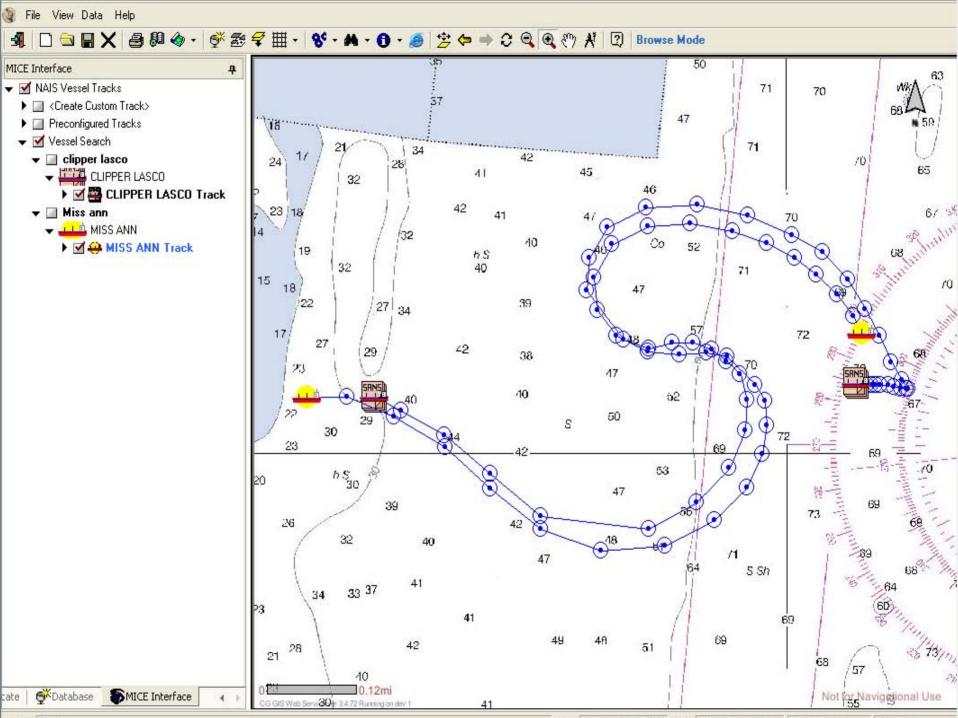
Use of bathymetry for sea bottom contours.



Mark the exit path

Use of temporary buoys

Use of GIS plots



Ballast water treatment

Dive Surveys

Prevention Practices

Use of RACONs

Move vessels from anchorages during periods of heavy weather

Address Anchorages

Location

Size

Vessel draft, length, or gross ton restrictions

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