

On 23NOV20 at 0732L crewmembers of CG47243 consisting of myself (BM3 [REDACTED]), FN [REDACTED] and BM1 [REDACTED] visually located the life raft for UCN: 003-21. When CG47243 approached the life raft I saw there were no survivors onboard. There were 02 white drogue lines attached to the raft. The raft had a fully inflated square base with grab lines and a ladder attached to the outside. There was a white oxygen or CO2 canister attached to the bottom of the raft. The raft was fully intact, and appeared to have deployed correctly as there were no holes or malfunctions that I could see. The top of the raft was sheltered as three sides were covered and there was a white strobe light going off. Myself and FN [REDACTED] recovered the life raft while BM1 [REDACTED] drove bow into the seas to recover. We were unable to get the life raft onboard initially so FN [REDACTED] used a knife and made 02 punctures into the black rubber base. The life raft deflated, then we were able to haul the raft and both drogues on the CG47243.