

Carol Jean Marine Casualty Timeline

16MAR23

- 1130: Carol Jean departs Port Royal towing Having Faith and heading to Valona, GA
- 1800: Tow line separates.
- 1955: Carol Jean recovers Having Faith and reattaches the line but the tow line is caught in the Carol Jean's propeller preventing the vessel from using its engine. The anchor from Carol Jean was deployed to hold both vessels.
- 2127: Vessel o/o daughter calls the CG and informs them of her concern about the situation.
- 2153: Savannah Pilots notified due to the vessel being anchored in the vicinity of the main shipping channel.
- 2245: CG Small Boat arrive on scene. Evaluates the situation, vessel o/o has contacted diver to remove line from prop and will stay on the vessel.
- Master and crew member remain onboard, but stay in contact with the CG.

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- Unknown: HAVING FAITH broke free from CAROL JEAN
- Unable to arrange for divers to remove rope from propeller.
- 0713: Sector Command center confirms position of CAROL JEAN via vessels AIS as 32-040.072N 080-40.740W
- 1630: Weather deteriorates: Winds from the South at 13 Knots, Gusts 25 Knots, Seas 4 to 5 feet.
- 1642: CG to remove master and crew member from vessel.
- 1733: CG Helo on scene.
- 1818: Both onboard helo
- Based on AIS information, the vessel dragged anchor for approximately 7 miles

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- 1418: CG Helo located Carol Jean at anchor at 32 04.7 N 080 40.8 W
- 1441: Having Faith located aground and eventually breaks apart on a jetty at 32 16.7 N 080 35.8 W. Total constructive loss.

19MAR23

- 1030: Master and a diver arrive, removes line from propeller, however unable to engage propeller, suspect damage to clutch. Clutch removed and taken to repair facility.
- 1230: Master and diver depart vessel. Vessel remained anchored and no indication of flooding. Master intended on returning to the vessel to reinstall the clutch.

21MAR23

- Weather: NE winds 15 to 20 Knots, with 3 to 4 foot seas
- 1903: Epirb signal was received by USCG, possibly indicating that the Carol Jean had sunk at 31 56.6 N 080 37.9 W.
- Over flight by CG helo discovers debris confirming that the vessel had sunk.