

Contra Costa County
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TO: News / Assignment Desk or News Editor

Search for Missing Boater

A marine search is continuing today in the Delta for a missing boater.

On Friday, June 26, 2020 at about 8:25 pm, the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff Marine Patrol Unit was dispatched to a report of a missing boater on Indian Slough in Discovery Bay.

It is not known how the boater, a 29-year-old man, went into the water. He is not being identified at this time. Occupants on the boat, who said that he never resurfaced, immediately searched for him.

Marine patrol deputies searched the water while Deputies checked the levee shoreline. A sonar search was also conducted. Sheriff's Office STARR 3 helicopter did an aerial search. The missing boater was not located.

The investigation and search are continuing. Anyone with any information on this incident is asked to contact the Office of the Sheriff at (925) 646-2441.

Update, Sunday, June 28, 2020:

This morning at about 9:48, the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff Dive Team responded to Indian Slough, west of Lido Bay to assist patrol deputies with a report of a deceased body found in the water. The Dive Team recovered the decedent who was turned over to the Coroner's Division for identification and determination of cause of death.

Update, Monday, June 29, 2020

The Coroner's Division has identified the decedent as 29-year-old Joseph Thomas Cairel of Marina, Ca. He was the boater reported missing on Friday, June 26, 2020.

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For more information, please call:
Jimmy Lee, Public Information Officer: (925) 313-2643

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