

Tactics Legend

- DF** Deflection Booming
- DV** Diversion Booming
- EX** Exclusion Booming
- FO** Free Oil Recovery
- PR** Passive Recovery
- SR** Shoreside Recovery
- S** Staging Area
-  Boat Ramp
-  Kayak Ramp
-  Railroad
-  Protected-Water Boom
-  Protected-Water Boom (Ebb Tide)
-  Snare/ Sorbent Boom



Equipment - All Tactics

Boom(ft)	600
Boom Skirt (in)	6 & 12
Marine anchors	9
Shore anchors	2
Sorbent Boom(ft)	0
FO Recovery Sys	0
Shore Responders	4
Boat Responders	4
Boats	2

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Tactics Deployment, Responder Safety, and GRP Data Information

Always consider on-scene conditions before deploying GRP tactics. Responder safety should always be the priority.

**Vessel Requirements:** Utilize vessel capable of operating in river depth conditions less than 5 feet. Suitable boat launch and direct backup access area for boat trailer as indicated above.

Location Information

**Latitude:** 40.2893185634370  
**Longitude:** -75.867761488537  
**State:** Pennsylvania

Tactic #	Purpose	Response Equipment	Deployment Resources	Deployment Notes
DV-01 	Redirect spilled oil from one location or direction of travel to a specific site for recovery.	600 ft protected water boom 9 marine anchor system 2 shoreline anchor system	4 shore responders 2 response boats 2 boat operators 2 boat crew (min)	<b>Anchor Type:</b> Danforth 14, Shoreline anchor points <b>Strategy:</b> Deploy boom as depicted to divert incoming oil to the collection site. Deploy shoreside anchor first. Single anchor system (rebar or U-posts) along shoreline with standard deployment into riverbed. For western portion, utilize 6" skirt boom due to shallow water depth for 200'. Utilize 12" skirt boom remainder. Anchor every 100' section on either end. Anchor shore side recovery skirt boom every 100'. Adjust configuration as necessary to reduce entrainment.
		N/A	Testing Date	
SR-01 	Remove spilled oil that has been diverted to a designated recovery site accessible from shore.	1 skimming system 1 storage tank or bladder 1 hoses, pumps, fittings	2 shore responders	<b>Strategy:</b> Set up shoreside recovery tactic at general location depicted on map. Grassy and apparent sewer right-of-way areas to north of boat launch may be suitable for storage tank and equipment storage. Consideration for boat trailer/vehicle parking and tanker truck traffic is required.
		N/A	Testing Date	



Control Point Information

**NRC Hotline: 800-424-8802**

**Address to Boat Launch:**  
 1018 Gibraltar Rd  
 Birdsboro, PA 19508

**Gate Access Information:**  
 Schuylkill River Greenways (484-945-0200 or [info@schuylkillriver.org](mailto:info@schuylkillriver.org))

**Protection Description:** The strategy for this location is to anchor a boom along shoreline (tree) to capture oil in slack areas. Staging area for all protection strategies available as boat ramp large enough to deploy assets.

Resources Protected

<b>Fish</b>	Catfish, Perch, Sunfish, Carp, and Bass
<b>Birds</b>	No available data
<b>Threat/End. Species</b>	Threatened Species Habitat, Habitat of Special Concern, Rare Plants
<b>Cultural/Historical Resources</b>	No available data
<b>Human Use</b>	Boat Ramp, Conservation Area, Infrastructure, Groundwater Source
<b>Land Management</b>	Schuylkill River Greenways
<b>Riverine</b>	Silty mud/gravel riverbed



Gravel boat launch access. Parking for vehicle and trailer or shore side collection staging off to right of photo in grassy area.



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GPS coordinate location for control point boat launch. Access point near Gibraltar Rd and Old Gibraltar Rd.



Gravel boat launch access entrance. Parking for vehicle and trailer off to right of photo in grassy area or along Old Gibraltar Road.

Navigational Hazards

Lake and river conditions such as flow rate and flood stage vary depending on the time of year and heavy rain or snowfall. If ice is present GRP tactics and strategies must be reevaluated. Vessel operators should have local knowledge and experience operating in riverine environments.

Special Considerations

Survey site prior to deployment and modify deployment tactics and techniques as appropriate based on observed river conditions. Upriver dam events (Blue Marsh Creek or Kernsville) may impact river conditions (overall flow and/or current velocity). Discussions with other organizations regarding scheduled dam events may be warranted in a deployment response.