

# USCG Eastern Great Lakes FOSC Report – Jun 2025

## Notable Cases/Events

- **M/V STILLWATCH – March 2025**
  - Abandoned at Port of Oswego, NY since Dec 2024
  - Taking on water at pier
  - Removal of 56,000-gal fuel/oily water (USCG) & household HAZMAT (NYSDEC)
  - Once environmental hazards were mitigated, Port of Oswego assumed responsibility of vessel

## Best Practices / Lessons Learned / Challenges

- **Best Practices:**
  - Participating in EPA led training/exercises to strengthen relationship & improve environmental response capabilities
  - Collab. with CCG & Ministry of Env. & Climate Change at AC mtg./exercises – partnership proved crucial during M/V TIM S. DOOL grounding response
- **Challenges:**
  - Pollution response trailers – no longer serviceable
  - Low frequency of pollution-related events in AOR

## Exercises / Training

- May 20, 2025 – Boom deployment training conducted with Border Protection @ Buffalo waterfront
- July 21, 2025 – NOAA SSC – Virtual SCAT Training
- July 23, 2025 – EGL Area Committee Meeting – Cleveland, OH
- July 28 – August 1, 2025 – MTS Disruption Exercise – Hogansburg, NY
- August 19 or 20, 2025 – Cleveland PREP TTX – Cleveland, OH

## Significant Agency or Organizational Updates

- Sector EGL Change of Command – CAPT Matthew Walter assumed command as of 30 May 2025
  - LCDR Eric Lunde – Response Department Head
  - LT Kyle Maxey – EMFR Chief (incoming)
- NOAA SSC (temp.) – Mr. William Whitmore: Gloucester, MA

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