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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing to apprise you of an incident involving a 40' sailboat in English Bay. The SV Swish was found adrift alongside the rocks by English Bay. The Coast Guard placed the vessel under tow with the intention of transporting it to the Kitsilano base. While being towed, the sailboat began to take on water and ultimately sank. It is currently sitting at a depth of 38' approximate 1km west of the beach at English Bay. Given its location, the sunken vessel is a hazard to navigation and the owner has been asked to provide CCG with a salvage plan by 6:00pm today.

The Coast Guard removed a number of external fuel tanks from the boat before it sank, although there is an internal tank containing an estimated 35 gal of diesel. Additional Coast Guard resources were deployed from Sea Island and identified a surface sheen over an area of approximately 100' by 100'. Containment boom has been placed around the vessel. However, due to the wind and sea state, there is some sheen extending outside the containment area.

At this point, there is no impact on City or Park Board property. We will keep you apprised of any significant developments.

Best,
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