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Aux Vsl 211110554 CXN Casale C. Crew Tassinaro J., Warner H., Mackey K.

Upon completing training and RFO check off for Aux Vsl 09151 SSK requested we investigate an abandoned sail boat near dbn# 4 @ the Ozona channel , St. Joseph Sound that may be a hazard to navigation. Found a 28' sloop anchored in the middle of the channel between dbn # 4 and # 5. SSK requested we attempt to move vsl out of channel, request completed and vsl was secured approx. 150' north of dbn # 5. Vsl holding fast and anchored. Released by SSK and proceeded to SSK for fuel and completion of paperwork. While returning to base SSK requested we return to vsl after a Good Samaritan reported vsl drifting. On scene @ 1630 and found vsl holding fast @ same position we left it at 28*04.2n, 082* 47.7w. Attempted to unfoul the anchor rode that lay in an unconventional position by rotating vsl to unwind line to no avail however vsl not drifting and holding fast. Released by SSK and RTB.

Thanks to Good Sam and Aux member Walt Murray who happen to be fishing in the area and used his knowledge and vsl to check water depths outside of channel to keep my vsl afloat, Bravo Zulu Walt

Special Thanks to my crew who acted in a professional manner who were totally involved in the mission, worked hand in hand, used their team coordination training to complete the mission successfully. John, Heidi and Kristi Bravo Zulu you deserve to be proud of yourselves.

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