Fishermen Net WWII Sea Mine and Head to Shore

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Kent, United Kingdom Two fisherman aboard the fishing vessel 'Wayward Lad' pulled up a WWII era sea mine in their nets. The men decided the strap the munition to the boat deck before heading back towards the shore. One the way to shore, they called the Coastguard to report the unusual find. The Coastguard contacted the Royal Navy for technical support. An EOD team was dispatched from Portsmouth to deal with the munition. The EOD team met the fishing vessel a mile from the Isle of Grain.

EOD setup a one-half mile safety zone around the fishing vessel before lowering the mine to the seabed where it was safely disposed of by an underwater counter charge. The sea mine was reported as a 400-pound WWII era German floating mine. No injuries or damage from the incident were reported.