

# Bomb Disposal Team Responds to IED Scare on the Water

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**San Diego, California** a U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) found a suspicious object floating eight miles off-shore. The drifting box had wires protruding from it with an abandoned fish net wrapped around it. Concerned that that the item was an IED, the MSST established a security perimeter around the object while a Bomb Disposal Team from San Diego was called in for technical support.

The Bomb Disposal Team launched a remote operated vehicle to investigate the suspicious package further. Upon further review, the object was identified as an instrument package from a weather balloon. The package was then retrieved by the Coast Guard. It is unclear how the instrument package ended up in the ocean or what weather balloon it came from.