Fishing Vessel Nets UXO EOD Responds

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Gosport, United Kingdom A fishing vessel brought up a UXO in its nets between Stokes Bay, Gosport and Ryde on the Isle of Wight. The captain of the fishing boat reported the find to the Coastguard who responded with a Royal Navy EOD team. EOD inspected the UXO and decided to lower it back in the water for the time being. EOD plans to schedule a dive team to conduct a controlled detonation of the item in the upcoming days. A temporary exclusion zone has been established around the area and a notice to mariners has been issued.

The exclusion zone has caused boat traffic to the Southampton Boat Show to be diverted. The exact type of UXO was not reported but officials did indicate that the item was approximately 3 feet by 1 foot.

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