

Navy EOD Detonate Torpedo Found by Divers

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Thatcher Island, Massachusetts Navy EOD technicians safely identified and disposed of a suspected torpedo in waters just off the coast of Thatcher Island, Mass. EOD Mobile Unit (EODMU) 12, Det. Newport was called in after two divers reported the find to the US Coast Guard (USGC).

The ordnance was detonated in place, despite the fact that marine growth on the suspected torpedo precluded positive identification. The USCG requested that the munition be removed to avoid the risk to future recreational divers who could encounter it and also to eliminate the risk of encounter with fishing nets.

A verification dive determined that the ordnance had been destroyed and posed no further hazard. Additionally, there was no report of visible damage or injury to marine life in the area.