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INFORMATION RELEASE
SHERIFF'S MARINE PATROL ASSISTS BOATERS

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Just after 4 p.m. on February 2, 2015, two fishermen aboard a 14 foot aluminum boat were in the Montezuma Slough about one mile south of the Montezuma Slough Bridge. The fishermen were in the process of picking up bait fish traps when their propeller became entangled with something that caused them to lose control of the boat. The fishermen were close to the shoreline when the boat operator was thrown from the boat and into the water. The passenger in the boat was struggling to gain control of the boat when the boat overturned approximately five feet from the shoreline.

A passing boat helped the two fishermen out of the water and contacted the Solano County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol. Sheriff's Marine Patrol Deputies Brian Miller and Mike Otto responded to the area in the Sheriff's Office M3 rapid response boat. The deputies assisted in getting the fisherman's vessel upright and back to the Belding's Landing boat ramp. Neither of the fishermen were injured during the incident and the investigation into the cause of the accident is ongoing.

The Solano County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol unit patrols the waterways of Solano County year round. Their mission is to educate the public on safe boating, enforce laws / regulations on the waterways, assist boaters and perform rescues when necessary. All boaters should practice safe boating and always wear an approved life vest when on the water.

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