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Crews still searching after body recovered from Big Marine Lake following water recovery operation

SCANDIA, MN – The Washington County Sheriff's Office has recovered the body of an adult male reported missing following a boating tragedy on Big Marine Lake in Scandia early Friday afternoon. The search remains underway for a second male.

Just before 2:00 p.m., authorities responded to a 911 call after witnesses reported boaters in distress on the north side of the lake. Witnesses say the boat, occupied by two adult males, lost control shortly after departing the landing and the men were ejected. Bystanders heard the males calling for help and took their boats out to assist, however the men could not be located.

The Washington County rescue dive team and water recovery team, along with rescue partners from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Minnesota State Patrol, conducted an extensive search of the area and located the body of an adult male shortly after 7:00 p.m. Crews are actively searching for the other missing man.

The identities of the males will be released pending positive identification from the Ramsey County Medical Examiner and notification to next of kin.

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