

Newfoundland tugboat sinks, two killed

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ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland - The bodies of two men from a tugboat that sank in high seas on Trinity Bay have been returned to St. John's, Newfoundland. Around 10 p.m. Thursday, the Canadian Coast Guard received a garbled distress call from the Checkmate II, saying it was taking on water and pumps couldn't keep up, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., reported. The boat was in eastern Newfoundland's Trinity Bay, where waves were running to 12 feet. It took 90 minutes for a ship and helicopter to reach the scene, the report said. The men were spotted by strobe lights on their survival suits, rescue coordinator Chris Fitzgerald told the network. "We do believe that one of them had some life in him but they were unable to revive him," he said. The bodies of the men, ages 35 and 68, were taken ashore from a Coast Guard vessel before dawn, the report said.

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