Life Safety Considerations – Port of Coos Bay Charleston Marina

- Current conditions cause frequent hull strikes and groundings as the shoal is at least partially submerged during high tide.
- The dynamic nature of the shoal prevents installation of static aids to navigation.
- A 2019 grounding resulted in a ship capsizing and the USCG emergency rescue of four people. The risk of future capsize events resulting in injury or loss of life remains.



2024 view of the button shoal facing south at low tide



Capsized Dorean Rose (2019) requiring the rescue of four and USCG salvage of the boat



Capsize of a recreational vessel in 2016 requiring the rescue of three by USCG