

April 29, 2018 the *Hecate Spray*, a 33-foot steel sloop, washed up at the north end of Linda Mar Beach, and still rusts away as an UNMARKED semi-submerged, jagged saw blade of a hazard in the surf zone. Salvors for the *Hecate Spray* used a very large barge, jerking it in 10-foot increments in six- to eight-foot swells while they pushed it from shore with a large excavator. They never got it deep enough for the full keel to right, and essentially dragged the boat sideways until it filled with water, flooding the pumps, and it sank. While most fluids had been pumped out of the boat, its slowly rusting hull is still a significant problem. Per the Coast Guard and California Coastal Commission, the City of Pacifica has no plans to remove the remains of the *Hecate Spray* sailboat.

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