



Suspected Irregular Entry Vessel: Summary

SIEV 599



Interception	041058 AEDST Mar 13
Total persons on board	12
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Possible Departure Point	Unknown
Point of Arrival / Interception	13'19S 126'06E approx. 106nm SE of Ashmore Islands

Vessel Details
Vessel Name: Unknown
Description: 15m LOA, white coach-house, blue hull, white tarp over aft deck
Port of Origin: Unknown

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Border Protection Command

Information Report

SIEV 599 – Reportable Information from Border Protection Command

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1. A. **Vessel Name:** Unknown
B. **Description:** 15m LOA, white coach-house, blue hull, white tarp over aft deck
C. **Port of Origin:** Unknown
D. **Last Port of Call:** Unknown
2. A. **Time/Position of Initial Sighting:** 032023 AEDST Mar 13, 70nm SE of Ashmore Islands
B. **Estimated Course and Speed:** Heading 150 at 3 kts
3. A. **Time/Position of Boarding:** 041058 AEDST Mar 13, 13°19'07S 124°06'58E

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**Christmas Island JIG
 Information Report
 SIEV 599
 ZUNDAPP (ZUN)
 ARRIVAL**

Ref Number – CI JIG IR: 1.1058 18MAR2013

Incident / Information Details		
Reporting Party	CI JIG	[I & T CI JIG INTREP]
Reported Date / Time	18MAR2013	
Information Source	ACBPS, AFP & DIAC	

Background

At 1450 AEDST on Sunday 03MAR2013, a Customs and Border Protection Dash-8 surveillance aircraft, operating under the control of Border Protection Command (BPC), detected a contact of interest (COI) approximately 70nm south-east of Ashmore Islands (approximately 120nm from the Australia mainland).

The COI was underway in a south easterly direction at approximately 5 knots. There were people visible on deck.

A BPC surface asset responded.

At 2023 AEDST Sunday 03 March 2013 ACV BOTANY BAY, operating under the control of Border Protection Command, located the vessel and continues to monitor its movements.

At 0630 AEDST on Monday 04MAR2013 the COI was located approximately 105nm south-east of Ashmore Islands and approximately 91nm from the Australian mainland. The vessel continued on an east to south easterly track at approximately 3 knots.

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At 1058 AEDST on Monday 04MAR2013, ACV BOTANY BAY, operating under the control of Border Protection Command (BPC), rendered assistance to the previously reported COI approximately 105nm south-east of Ashmore Islands or approximately 91nm from the Australian mainland and outside the Australian Contiguous Zone.

At the time of rendering assistance, people on board the COI stated they were en-route to Australia and had engine difficulties.

ACV BOTANY BAY reported there were 12 people, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

on board the COI, now designated SIEV 599.

Due to an inability to restart the engine of SIEV 599 and the amount of water ingress, ACV BOTANY BAY embarked all people for safety reasons

At 200 AEDST on Monday 04MAR2013 ACV BOTANY BAY, operating under the control of Border Protection Command, continued en-route to Ashmore Island with the 12 passengers transferred from SIEV 599 embarked.

It was estimated that BOTANY BAY will arrive in the vicinity of the Ashmore Islands at approximately 0630 AEDST on Tuesday 05 March; this arrival time could be affected by prevailing weather conditions.

Weather conditions in the vicinity of the Ashmore Islands currently precluded entry in to the lagoon area; this entry was planned to take place as soon as conditions allowed.

At approximately 1815 AEDST on Tuesday 05MAR2013, ACV BOTANY BAY, operating under the control of Border Protection Command, completed transfer of all 12 passengers to ACV ASHMORE GUARDIAN.

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Weather conditions allowed ACV ASHMORE GUARDIAN to move into the lagoon area of Ashmore Islands.

On Sunday 10 March 2013, all 12 people from SIEV 599 were transferred from ACV ASHMORE GUARDIAN to ACV OCEAN PROTECTOR at Ashmore Islands.

At 1325 AEDST today, ACV OCEAN PROTECTOR completed transfer of all 12 people to Australian Government agencies at Christmas Island.

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