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COUPLE RESCUED FROM LONE STAR LAKE

SUFFOLK, VA (April 17, 2017) A Virginia Beach couple was rescued late yesterday afternoon from a sinking Zodiac boat while on the water at Lone Star Lakes.

Emergency Communications was made aware of the incident at the Lone Star Lakes Park located in the 400 block of Kings Highway on Sunday evening, April 16th, at 6:30 p.m. when they received a call from the boaters advising that their rubber Zodiac boat had struck something in the lake and was losing air and taking on water.

The first units on scene were from the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department, who arrived at the shoreline at 6:40 p.m. An Engine and Suffolk Fire & Rescue Zodiac boat was en route to the scene but was cancelled as crews on site were able to borrow a jon boat from a family that had just returned from fishing on the lake. The couple, who were both wearing lifejackets, was rescued from the water approximately 200 yards offshore clinging to the deflated boat.

They received emergency medical assessment and blankets were provided due to the cold water temperature, but they did not require medical transport.

Responding units included Engine 29 and Brush 9 from the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department, as well as Battalion 2 and Medic 9A.

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