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US Coast Guard Auxiliary Pulls Man from River

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A US Coast Guard Auxiliary crew returning from patrol observed a man fall from a dock at the Winneshiek Marina, and disappear beneath the water. Quick action by the crew of the Kaylee-Annie located the man who was still beneath the surface and pulled him onto the dock preventing his drowning.

Coxswain Steve Gress stated that he reached under the water trying to locate the man and finally found him still submerged and being pulled beneath the dock by the current. Gress pulled him to the surface and with crewmember Joanie Dickerson pulled the gentleman from the water onto the dock.

The victim, wet but otherwise fine, declined medical attention and after a slight rest thanked the Auxiliarists who came to his rescue and departed.

A dock can be a dangerous place. The motion of the water affects one's equilibrium and tosses the dock about. Add to that the normal rough and weathered construction and you have a situation requiring careful and attentive walking. At the water's edge the result of one misstep can be disastrous.

The Auxiliary recommends wearing a life jacket whenever around the water.