

# Three fishermen rescued after drift boat stuck in Yellowstone

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Park County Sheriff Corporal Gregg Todd, seen driving the boat, and Deputy Levi Nelson, assisting the fishermen out of their drift boat, perform a rescue for three men whose drift boat hung up and tipped on the rocks in the Yellowstone River near the Miles Park baseball fields on Tuesday afternoon.

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Park County Sheriff's deputies rescued three fishermen on the Yellowstone River Tuesday evening.



**Livingston Fire and Rescue Captain Mike Chambers, in the foreground at right, communicates with the fisherman from the bank that a rescue boat is en route.**

Corporal Gregg Todd and Deputy Levi Nelson rescued the men after their drift boat got hung up on the rocks in the section of river near the Miles Park baseball fields, Park County Undersheriff Scott Hamilton said.

Their boat started taking on water around 4:15 p.m. and they couldn't walk to shore because the current was too swift, Hamilton said.

Park County Sheriff's deputies responded after receiving a call from someone on the bank at that time, he said.

After responders decided an off-shore rescue would be too difficult, Todd and Nelson launched the search and rescue boat at the Mayor's Landing river access and motored upstream to rescue the fishermen, Hamilton said.

The rescue occurred about 5:30 p.m., and no one reported injuries or required medical attention, he said.

The fishermen were Jeff Courts and Zac Lawrence, of Columbus, and Charles Noyes, of Big Timber.

Park County responders have had the search and rescue boat, which operates well in shallow waters, for two years, Hamilton said.

In that time it has been used for about 20 rescues, he said.