

## SEEKING ASSISTANCE WITH RECOVERING 1.5m UNCREWED MINIBOAT NAMED "APAK" FROM COASTLINE OF ALEUTIAN ISLANDS IN ALASKA

An uncrewed 1.5m-long educational sailboat ("MINIBOAT," pictured here) has landed on AMLIA ISLAND (east of Atka) in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska.

The GPS is reporting from **52.062047958374, -173.19251060486** (as shown on map to right, red icon).

With the help of USFWS, the RV *APAK*, which is what the students named their miniboat, was launched offshore of the Aleutian Islands in July 2022 and collected temperature and drift information for 9 days before it landed (pink line on map).

**Students and participants in the project from Homer, AK are seeking assistance to have it recovered and brought back to the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies.** It is part of a student project to study ocean science and provide a cultural exchange when it lands. The students would also like to see any pictures and videos that are possible so they can learn more about where the boat landed. **Please explore the website [educationalpassages.org/boats/apak/](https://educationalpassages.org/boats/apak/) to learn more about the project and story so far.**

**If you have any information about the area or can assist with recovering the uncrewed vessel, please contact Cassie from Educational Passages at [cassie@educationalpassages.org](mailto:cassie@educationalpassages.org).** It is an uncrewed vessel, like a "message in a bottle". Pictures show the boat when it was first launched. Current condition may differ.

This miniboat project is supported by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and is part of the work of a collaborative group called STUDENT ENGINEERS ADVANCING OCEAN TECHNOLOGY (SEAoTech). The goal of SEAoTech is to bring new hands-on STEAM programs to communities in the Homer, Kachemak Bay, and Lower Cook Inlet area of Alaska. One of the programs is the Educational Passages Miniboat Program, and the other is the Open CTD project. Partners include: Blue World Research Institute, the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Blackbeard Biologic, and Educational Passages.



Current location estimated to be within circle above