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Firefighters Battle Yacht Fire On Lake Boca Raton

BOCA RATON, FLORIDA – At approximately 2:10pm Boca Raton Firefighters were called to a possible boat fire. Fire crews immediately responded in Boca Raton Fire Rescue's Boat 3 and met the vessel which was being towed by Tow Boat US in the inlet. The boat captain stated that he noticed smoke in the engine compartment and quickly called for assistance and headed toward shore. When fire crews boarded the 48 foot yacht named "Class Act" they noticed smoke coming from the cabin. Upon opening the salon doors crews noticed that the salon was fully engulfed with flames. Firefighters attempted to extinguish the fire with dry chemical fire extinguishers but were unsuccessful. They immediately exited the vessel and began attacking the fire from Boat 3. The smoke plum was seen for miles as crews raced to put out the blaze. At one point firefighters used a chain saw to cut a hole in the side of the vessel to try to reach and extinguish the fire. It took crews approximately three hours to bring the incident under control. With the boat still smoldering, fire crews will remain on the scene throughout the night to put out additional spot fires. A containment boom was set up around the smoldering vessel to trap any of the 400 gallons of diesel fuel still on board that might leak from the fuel tank. The United States Coast Guard was called along with officials from the State Fire Marshall's Office who are handling the investigation. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time. There were no injuries reported and the captain was the only person aboard the vessel at the time of the fire. The captain states that the vessel is valued at approximately \$85,000.00.

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