

Most, if not all the VOSS vessels, used WEIR skimmers. As mentioned above, the figures of volume skimmed via WEIR compared to other devices, would be interesting too view. The dominant factors in not being able to skim more oil via the WEIR, would rest on the limited size of the TSD's onboard the vessels and the fact that these vessels were predominantly out in the middle of the Gulf having to conduct search patterns to find the product.

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-In-shore skimmers controlled by the Parish Branches were managed by the Ops under each Branch and were well coordinated to go after oil where it had collected in the bays and marshes.

-225s. While there is regular training w/ their crews on setting up the SORSs and turning on the skimmers, there has not been any drills exercising the C2 relationship between the 225s (used to JOPES) and their operational commanders (used to NIMS ICS), especially when working w/ interagency partners). As a result, there were several issues that came up due to a lack of understanding on both sides as to how each other does business. NIMS ICS is what HSPD-5, NRF and NCP tells us to use. In the future, each 225 should

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