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Search for missing yacht called off

CAPE TOWN. — The search for the crew of the yacht Jaluka, which was reported to have sunk in False Bay, off Strandfontein on Wednesday night, was called off at noon yesterday.

No sign of the yacht or its crew had been found — in spite of a round-the-clock effort involving vessels of the National Sea Rescue Institute, the SA Navy and the police, following the SOS at 10.30 pm on Wednesday.

Indications now point to the distress call being a hoax.

Yesterday, a vessel of the Strandfontein NSRI station resumed the search, but NSRI station commander at Strandfontein, Mr Gavin Hoskins, said the boat had returned at noon after nothing had been found.

About 40 NSRI members were involved in the search operation. — Sapa.