

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**WHO:** Environmental Science Students in the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Class at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

**WHAT:** Oil Spill Control Exercise in Corpus Christi Bay

**WHEN:** Friday, March 27, from 1-3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Lawrence Street "T" Head at the Corpus Christi Marina

**Oil Spill Prevention and Response Students to Practice Skills During Mock Disaster Exercise at Corpus Christi Marina**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Students in the "Oil Spill Prevention and Response" class at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will conduct an oil spill response exercise Friday, March 27, from 1-3 p.m. at the Lawrence Street "T" head in the Corpus Christi Marina.

The exercise will simulate a protective-action booming strategy in the event of an oil spill that would threaten the marina and surrounding waters. Boats and equipment will be staged and deployed from the Cooper's Alley boat ramp. Students will then practice small boat handling, construction of anchor systems, deployment of oil spill boom from a trailer with anchor systems and pulling a boom through an obstacle course.

The exercise represents one of many strategies discussed and practiced in the class.

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