

More wind turbine debris found in ocean south of Nantucket

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Cleanup efforts continued Tuesday after more debris was found in the ocean south of Nantucket more than a week after a large section of a wind turbine blade was damaged, sending fiberglass pieces onto Nantucket beaches and near Cape Cod.

The wind turbine is part of the Vineyard Wind project, which began producing energy for the New England grid in January. Vineyard Wind said the damaged turbine, manufactured by Cambridge-based GE Vernova, was discovered the night of July 13 but the cause remains under investigation by GE.

“We are working with urgency to complete our root cause analysis of this event,” a GE Vernova spokesperson said Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Nantucket officials said debris was observed south of the island.

“The debris observed floating offshore includes a mix of foam, fiberglass pieces of varying sizes, mainly smaller pieces with some larger pieces,” island officials said in an update on the town’s website. “Vessels are actively removing debris from the water.”

Officials said Vineyard Wind contractors also removed “two larger pieces” from the water near Tom Nevers Beach that were spotted on Monday.

Debris has also been observed near Cape Cod. On Friday, the Chatham harbor master reported to Vineyard Wind that debris had been seen about 3½ miles southeast of Monomoy Island. Vineyard Wind said it had helicopters monitoring the areas around

Chatham and Monomoy over the weekend for additional debris.

Vineyard Wind, a wind farm about 15 miles south of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket, is owned by Avangrid and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners. Twenty-four turbines have been installed so far. When complete, the project, which is the first major offshore wind farm in the United States, will have 62 turbines generating a capacity of about 806 megawatts, enough to power about 400,000 homes, according to Vineyard Wind.

Power production and further work installing turbines have been on hold since the federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement issued a suspension order last week as an investigation into the damage got underway.

In a statement Tuesday, the bureau reiterated that it has personnel onsite with Vineyard Wind and is conducting an independent assessment “to ensure the safety of future offshore renewable energy operations.”

The Nantucket select board was scheduled to meet Tuesday to discuss potential litigation against Vineyard Wind. The meeting, in executive session, is closed to the public.

The select board is also scheduled to meet Wednesday night, with officials from Vineyard Wind and GE Vernova attending, according to the town’s website. That meeting is open to the public and can also be viewed via livestream.

Nantucket officials said GE is working with the design and engineering firm Arcadis to con-

duct an environmental assessment. Details of that assessment are expected to be presented during Wednesday’s select board meeting, the town said.

Crews removed more than six truckloads of debris from Nantucket’s southern beaches early last week during the initial cleanup effort.

The damaged turbine is a GE Haliade-X, which has blades about 107 meters long. Vineyard Wind said the initial damage was observed about 20 meters from the base.

A spokesperson for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center said this GE turbine model was tested at its Wind Turbine Testing Center in Charlestown, but the damaged blade was not tested.

“Blade testing is part of the overall turbine testing certifica-

tion process, and WTTC does not participate in that process past providing test data,” the spokesperson said.

The Vineyard Wind incident is not the first problem with the GE Vernova blade, according to Reuters.

In May, a blade on the same model sustained damage at the Dogger Bank wind farm in the North Sea off the east coast of the United Kingdom. A GE Vernova spokesperson said the cause of that damage was “an installation error out at sea and [is] unrelated to the event at Vineyard Wind.”

Reuters also reported issues with several onshore wind turbines in Germany and Sweden.

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WATER WHEELS

A few residents, including Virginia Fiske (above), of the Cohen-Florence Levine Estates assisted living facility in Chelsea got to take a dip in the water at Revere Beach Tuesday with the help of some specially-equipped vehicles.



Yarmouth Girl Scout top cookie seller for second year in a row

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An 8-year-old Girl Scout from Cape Cod earned the title of top cookie seller for the second year in a row in Eastern Massachusetts, beating her own record.

“You got to put a lot of time into it,” said Emma Hardigan of Troop 64895 in Yarmouth as she recounted the hours spent working at 84 cookie booths from December to March.

Working six days a week, Emma sold 7,443 boxes, doubling her own record of 3,668 boxes from the previous year. A Brownie, the second level of scouting, Emma is also the top seller of all time in Eastern Massachusetts, according to a statement from Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts.

For her reward, Emma got to act as chief executive officer for the day at Camp Favorite in Brewster last week.

There, she did tie-dye, sailed, and had a personalized CEO table at lunch, according to the statement.

Emma also shadowed Barbara Fortier, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts, at the camp, the statement said.

When asked about her favorite memory, Emma said, “Being with Barbara.”

Alissa Hardigan, Emma’s mother and the troop leader, said her fellow Girl Scouts were proud of her.

“They were excited for her,”

Hardigan said. “They thought she was a little cookie crazy because she worked really hard.”

Emma now ranks among the cookie elite.

On May 18, Emma spoke to hundreds of Girl Scouts who have sold over 500 boxes of cookies at Canobie Lake Park in Salem, N.H., in a ceremony that honored their achievements, her mother said.

“I wasn’t nervous,” she said.

Emma and her mother shared the strategies for selling all those Thin Mints, Do-si-dos, and other Girl Scout cookies.

With a troop of eight girls, Hardigan said they would rotate selling cookies at different locations in Yarmouth, Dennis, and Hyannis. Emma set up several tables piled with cookies, sold cookies door-to-door, and plastered signs on her family’s car.

Emma even mastered the cookie booth’s cashbox, learning how to count money for \$6 boxes compared to \$5 boxes last year.

“I could do five’s last year and six’s this year,” she said.

Hardigan said Emma has no plans to stop selling cookies and is even planning to beat her record again next year.

“I want to be top seller again” Emma said, sounding like a true CEO.

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GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN MASS.
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This day in history

Today is Wednesday, July 24, the 206th day of 2024. There are 160 days left in the year.

► Birthdays: Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 88. Actor Dan Hedaya is 84. Actor Chris Sarandon is 82. Actor Robert Hays is 77. Actor Michael Richards is 75. Actor Lynda Carter is 73. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 72. Former Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., is 71. Country singer Pam Tillis is 67. Basketball Hall of Famer Karl Malone is 61. Retired MLB All-Star Barry Bonds is 60. Actor Kadeem Hardison is 59. Actor-singer Kristin Chenoweth is 56. Actor Laura Leighton is 56. Actor-singer Jennifer Lopez is 55. Director Patty Jenkins (“Wonder Woman”) is 53. Actor Rose Byrne is

45. Country singer Jerrod Niemann is 45. Actor Elisabeth Moss is 42. Actor Anna Paquin is 42. Former NHL center Patricia Bergeron is 39. TV personality Bindi Irwin is 26.

► In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, was forced to abdicate her throne to her one-year-old son James.

► In 1847, Mormon leader Brigham Young and his followers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in present-day Utah.

► In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

► In 1915, the SS Eastland, a passenger ship carrying more than 2,500 people, rolled onto its side while docked at the Clark Street Bridge on the Chi-

cago River. An estimated 844 people died in the disaster.

► In 1932, the “Bonus Army,” a group of thousands of WWI veterans and their supporters who gathered in Washington D.C. to protest the US government’s refusal to redeem cash bonus certificates given to the veterans for their service, clashed with D.C. police; two protesting veterans were shot and killed.

► In 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Nixon engaged in his famous “Kitchen Debate” with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

► In 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of whom had been the first humans to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

► In 1974, the US Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

► In 1975, an Apollo spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific, completing a mission which included the first docking with a Soyuz capsule from the Soviet Union.

► In 2010, a stampede inside a tunnel crowded with techno music fans left 21 people dead and more than 500 injured at the famed Love Parade festival in western Germany.

► In 2013, a high-speed train crash outside Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain killed 79 people.

Lottery

TUESDAY MIDDAY 3-2-2-1
Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)

	EXACT ORDER
All 4 digits	\$3,543
First or last 3	\$496
Any 2 digits	\$43
Any 1 digit	\$4

	ANY ORDER
All 4 digits	\$295
First 3	\$165
Last 3	\$165

TUESDAY NIGHT 0-2-7-1
Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)

	EXACT ORDER
All 4 digits	\$4,748
First or last 3	\$665
Any 2 digits	\$57
Any 1 digit	\$6

	ANY ORDER
All 4 digits	\$198
First 3	\$111
Last 3	\$111

LUCKY FOR LIFE
July 22 17-19-20-28-29

Lucky Ball 11
Jackpot: \$1,000 a day

MASS CASH
July 23 2-3-10-17-35

Jackpot: \$100,000

MEGA MILLIONS
July 23 3-9-14-26-51

Megaball 21, Megaplier 4
Jackpot: \$279,000,000

PREVIOUS DRAWINGS

	Midday	Night
Monday	2529	2536
Sunday	4600	1557
Saturday	6924	6483
Friday	5650	5355
Thursday	1823	2785

TUESDAY NUMBERS AROUND NEW ENGLAND

Maine, N.H., Vermont			
Day: 3-digit	342	4-digit	7447
Eve: 3-digit	472	4-digit	8765
Rhode Island 9776			