

Tahoe Queen runs into sand bar – again

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The Tahoe Queen ran aground shortly after midnight Thursday during a New Year's Eve cruise, stranding revelers in the icy cold weather for about two hours, the U.S. Coast Guard reported.

About 200 people made it safely off the boat after a tug pulled the stranded ship off the sand bar in Zephyr Cove, Ensign Jake Urrutia said.

"By the time we got the report, the 200 passengers were off the vessel," Urrutia said. "The vessel had been pulled out by the tug and moored out. We don't know exactly what happened yet."

No injuries were reported on the popular paddle-wheel boat. But the weather was extremely cold, with a low of about 8 degrees.

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