

Boat capsized in Rogersville

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Three people are being treated tonight after being tossed from a capsized boat into the freezing cold water.

Good weather helped to make the rescue attempt successful as well as some quick thinking from nearby boaters.

Early Friday afternoon in Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville, a family boating trip turned into a frantic time of rescue.

Their bass boat slowly started to fill with water.

They tried to bail the water out and make it to land, but there was not enough time.

The boat started to sink and capsized, laying on it's side, the boat luckily stayed afloat so that all three could hang on until rescued.

The cities of Elgin, Rogersville, and Killen Fire and Rescue along with the help of two boaters helped to save their lives.

"The good Samaritans, some gentlemen from Tennessee were able to flag down in a bass boat were able to reach the victims in the water," said Ken Thomas with Joe Wheeler State Park.

Thomas also said that a faulty boat plug could be the cause of this incident but it is still under investigation by marine police.

All 3 victims are expected to be ok.