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SIX PEOPLE RESCUED OFF CAPE BRYON

Australian Search and Rescue has coordinated the rescue of six people from a 25 metre fishing vessel east of Cape Bryon after they issued a mayday earlier today.

Two helicopters, a Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter from Lismore and a Queensland Rescue Helicopter from Brisbane, each winched three people on board after they reported their vessel was taking water 32 nautical miles (60kms) east of Cape Byron.

The boat, *Tansula* from Brisbane, had broken down and was being battered by 3 to 5 metre seas.

The six people were taken to Ballina. They are reported as being uninjured but suffering from moderate to severe sea sickness.

The *Tansula* issued a mayday via marine radio at about 11.50am this morning and the rescue was completed at 1.40pm this afternoon.

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