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Superyacht rescue operation underway

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority is responding to a vessel in distress off the coast of Port Macquarie.

AMSA Search and Rescue detected emergency beacons registered to the 37 metre superyacht *Masteka 2* with six people on board at 5.03 am (AEDT) about 260 kilometres east of Port Macquarie.

AMSA established satellite communications with the crew, who reported that the vessel was taking on water and had lost steering.

The cruise ships *Pacific Pearl* and *Carnival Spirit* responded to AMSA's broadcast call for assistance.

The *Carnival Spirit* diverted to the area and is currently evacuating two crew members from the *Masteka 2* using its fast rescue boat.

The remaining crew members have elected to stay with the vessel to attempt repairs.

AMSA has tasked its Brisbane-based Dornier search and rescue aircraft to the area, where it will drop two dewatering pumps to assist with repair efforts at about 9.45 am (AEDT).

Carnival Spirit will remain on scene to monitor the vessel and provide further assistance as required.