

Man, dog drift nearly three weeks

HALIFAX (Reuter) A British sailor and his dog were rescued after drifting for almost three weeks in rough seas off the east coast of Canada with little more than dog food to eat, a Canadian Coast Guard official said Wednesday.

Gary Thwaites, 35, of Hampshire in England, sent out a distress signal Tuesday after his boat, the Maja Ronn, lost its rudder and all power about 320 km off the coast of

Nova Scotia 19 days ago.

"He's in good health, but things were getting urgent, as he was down to only 1 liter of fresh water*, some dog food and beans," said a coast guard spokesman in Halifax.

Thwaites, who left the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean last month, attempted to reach Canada under sail but was forced to call for help when the weather worsened.

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