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Sudden wind storm capsizes children's sailboats in Lorain

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LORAIN — Coast Guard Station Lorain rescued four children from the Lorain Sail Club when four sailboats capsized last night. Two children on one of the boats were able to right their boat without assistance, according to the Coast Guard.

The boats capsized in Black River — about 300 yards from the Coast Guard Station — around 7:30 p.m., just as winds picked up and a storm started to blow through Lorain, Petty Officer Kyle Abood said.

“It turned hellacious pretty fast,” Abood said of the storm. “It was pretty unexpected. High winds with small sail boats caused them to capsize.”

The Coast Guard helped get the boats upright so the children, who ranged in age from 10 to 11 years old, could get back in safely. Other than being a little shocked, the children were unharmed, Abood said.

One of the boats that was flipped did start to take on water, but Abood said the boat was able to stay afloat.

The rescue mission was made more dangerous by a tug boat pushing a barge through the narrow channel near where the boats had capsized.

There were adults present and other sail boats were near, Abood said.

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" god i hate that abood guy he didnt help us at all
i was one of the sailboats that capsized
me and my friend flipped and by the time the dumb coast guard got there we already righted
our boat
and almost none of us were 11
we were 13
no wonder he lied
my friends dad was cussin at him the whole time "

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" I was on the pier with my kids when this all went down, with everything going on, the
multiple upside down boats, kids everywhere and a tug heading out, it was complete
madness. For this person to claim that the coast guard is "dumb" is the most ungrateful
person alive! If it wasn't for the heroic actions of these brave young men and women, those
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little gratitude, you brat! "

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