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U.S. Coast Guard Has Suspended Search

Air Ambulance Gulfstream G100

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Brian MacKenzie Teepell/USPA 24 News - After 66 hours of continuous searching, the U.S. Coast Guard has suspended its search for the six people aboard the Latitude Air Ambulance Gulfstream G100 that disappeared while flying from Bermuda to Boston.

The search involved Coast Guard helicopters along with other assets.

The aircraft was carrying two pilots, two medical crew members, a patient and the patient's family member.

The aircraft, registered C-GRJP, went missing south of Nantucket early Saturday after declaring an emergency. A debris field was later located and confirmed to be from the aircraft, but none of the six people aboard were found.

The aircraft had departed from Hamilton, Ontario, for Bermuda before continuing toward Boston. Flight data showed the plane descending sharply from about 25,000 feet to around 11,000 feet shortly after 1am, and its final signal recorded around 1:30am.

The U.S. Coast Guard has searched more than 1,600 square miles in the area, with helicopters, rescue boats and aircraft from multiple agencies involved in the operation. Families of those aboard were being kept informed as the search continues.

At sunset Sunday, after 66 hours of continuous searching, the Coast Guard announced that the active search had been suspended and expressed its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those aboard.

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