Highway high and dry



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A boat fell off its trailer on U.S. Highway 123 in Seneca on Tuesday afternoon, blocking traffic temporarily.

Boat accident blocks 123 traffic

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SENECA — Traffic was backed up on a portion of U.S. Highway 123 near Old Salem Road for nearly an hour after a pontoon boat headed to storage slipped off its trailer and landed on its side in the road.

Seneca Police Capt. B.J. McClure said the accident was reported at 2:25 p.m. Tuesday and the boat had been moved back onto the trailer and the scene cleared by 3:15 p.m. One lane of traffic remained open for most of the time before the scene was cleared.

Dylan Moore, 24, of Westminster was driving a 2001 Ford F-350 owned by Keowee Mari-

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BOAT: No injuries

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na, according to McClure, who added that Moore is a marina employee. He said the truck was hooked to a trailer carrying the boat from the marina to a boat storage facility on Highway 123 when the accident occurred. McClure said he did not know who owned the boat.

"He went around to drive it in there and the weight shifted off the transport trailer and the trailer kind of turned to come off the hitch," McClure said. "The boat was on its side in one of the lanes of traffic."

McClure added workers were able to get a loader "to lift the boat up and get the trailer back under it, hook it back up to the truck and move it out."

McClure said westbound traffic was diverted from Highway 123 to East North 1st Street for "less than five minutes" while the two lanes were blocked so workers could get the loader under the boat to get it on the trailer.

He said there were no injuries and he didn't believe there was any significant damage to the pontoon.