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Election Day voters head to the polls in Waukesha

WISN 12 News spotted some voters waiting in line before doors opened at the Waukesha Public Library at 6 a.m.

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WAUKESHA, Wis. — The voting line outside the Waukesha Public Library began forming around 6:50 a.m. Tuesday for Election Day. WISN 12 News spotted poll workers arriving at around 6 a.m. to start setting up.

Over 700 ballots had been cast as of the last check, when a WISN 12 News crew was at the library around 11 a.m. Tuesday. Some residents were recent, waiting in line, when the doors first opened.



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One race in Waukesha this Election Day is the race for mayor, with two new mayoral candidates, Waukesha Alderwoman Alicia Halvensleben, who was seen voting Tuesday, and state Rep. Scott Allen, whose campaign said he early voted on Friday. This is the first time in 20 years that there isn't an incumbent candidate in this specific mayoral race.

Voters shared their reasons for coming out to vote Tuesday with WISN 12 News.

"People who are running are the people who are going to say where the city is going, how much money you'll pay in taxes and schools, and it's going to affect all the local things," Karen Good said.

Other voters told WISN 12 News they care about the race for an open seat on Wisconsin's Supreme Court.

There are a number of races on ballots in Waukesha, including Waukesha School District Board Members, Waukesha City Attorney, Circuit Court Judge, County Supervisor, and more. Polling places statewide are open until 8 p.m. Tuesday.



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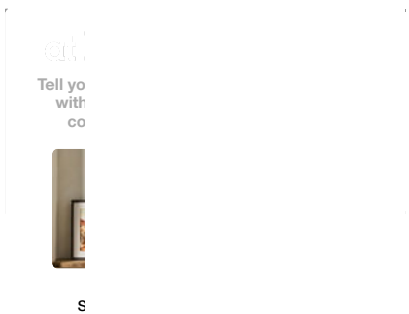
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By Taylor Romine, Chris Boyette, Martin Goillandeu, CNN

Authorities in the Bahamas have moved to a recovery operation in their search for an American woman who reportedly fell overboard during a boat trip with her husband Saturday night, local police said.

Lynette Hooker, 55, and her husband, Brian Hooker, 58, both U.S. nationals from Michigan, were on a small dinghy when Lynette fell off the boat during turbulent weather, according to Brian's account shared by the Royal Bahamas Police Force.



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Local authorities and the U.S. Coast Guard scoured the bay near the incident in search of Lynette, but have now moved to a recovery operation, according to Richard Cook, fire team lead with Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

As authorities continue their search, Lynette's family have called for an investigation into her disappearance as they work to get more information from local authorities.

As the search for Lynette enters its fourth day, here is what we know.





American woman missing after going overboard during Bahamas boat trip, officials say

Lynette fell off the dinghy during strong currents, husband says

On Saturday night, the couple left Hope Town and were headed to Elbow Cay in a small, 8-foot hard-bottom dinghy, Brian told the Royal Bahamas Police Force, according to a news release from the agency. They were making their way back to their yacht, "Soulmate," Cook said.

Lynette fell out of the boat while they were on the dinghy, Brian told police. Cook added Brian said she "bounced" out of the boat during strong currents and was not wearing a personal flotation device.

"Strong currents subsequently carried her away," and "he lost sight of her," Brian told police. Lynette was wearing the keys, also known as an engine safety lanyard, when she fell off the dinghy, which made the boat lose power, so he tried to paddle to shore, according to his account shared by police.

The last time Brian said he saw Lynette, she was swimming toward the shore, Cook said.

Brian said he tried to row to shore, but the winds made it difficult, he added.

The dinghy drifted toward Marsh Harbour, where it ultimately was beached, and Brian "traversed through the bush till he made it to Marsh Harbour Boat yards where he made contact with the local Police," Cook said.

Brian arrived in the boat yard around 4 a.m. Sunday, where he notified someone about his missing wife, who was able to reach police, police said.

Multiple agencies search for Lynette Hooker

Once police were notified about Lynette's disappearance, their agency, along with the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and the Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue, started searching the area.

The Hope Town Volunteer Fire and Rescue was notified at 5:12 a.m. and "searched extensively for 6 hours" but wasn't able to find her, Cook said. The U.S. Coast Guard also conducted a search by air, a spokesperson told CNN.

Royal Bahamas Police Force **said Tuesday** that authorities are continuing the search, which has "spanned marine, land, and aerial areas, with additional support from drone technology and professional divers."

The U.S. State Department told CNN it is "aware of reports regarding a missing American near Elbow Cay" and is "working with Bahamian authorities to provide assistance," an agency spokesperson said.

The State Department advises travelers to exercise increased caution in the Bahamas, which is listed under a **level 2 travel advisory**. "Boating is not well regulated. Injuries and deaths have occurred," it said in a March 2025 advisory.

Family calls for an investigation into mother's disappearance

As authorities continue searching for Lynette, her daughter and mother told CNN they have several questions about what happened, and both

After struggling to reach investigators, Darlene Hamlett, Lynette's mother, is racing to get an emergency passport to fly to the Bahamas, and Lynette's daughter, Karli Aylesworth, has hired an attorney.

"We have many unanswered questions," said Hamlett. "Our family is still in shock. We are still holding on for a positive outcome to this tragedy."

Both women said they want a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding Lynette's disappearance.

Aylesworth said in a statement, "I have been privy to very little information. My sole concern is to find out what happened to my mother and make sure a full and complete investigation is performed into her disappearance."

The last time she spoke with her mother was on Friday, she told CNN Tuesday. She found out about her mother's disappearance from her stepfather, Brian, who left her a voicemail, she said. While she didn't share many details of what he said in the voicemail, Aylesworth said he told her they found a flotation device that was thrown to her mother.

The longer Lynette is missing, the less optimistic she is that her mother will be found, Aylesworth said.

"The more time that goes on, the more I disbelieve that she will come back alive. I don't think that you can tread water for that long," she said.

"But I hope maybe she's on a little island somewhere."

Couple has been sailing for more than a decade, daughter says

Lynette and Brian have been married for about 25 years and have been sailing for over a decade, Aylesworth told CNN.

They went from a small sailboat that could only fit two people to a more than 50-foot sailboat, which they used to sail around Lake Michigan, she said. Her mother and stepdad have been in the Bahamas for about a month, Aylesworth added.

The couple has documented their travels on [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) over the years, most recently showcasing their adventures in the Bahamas.

Lynette loves exploring and works out a lot, her daughter said. She is also crafty and enjoys documenting their adventures through video, especially with her 360 camera, Aylesworth said.

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