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Search for 2 fishermen continues in Tenn. River

GILBERTSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Searchers have learned more about the capsizing of a pontoon boat that left two fishermen missing below Kentucky Dam.

The only survivor, 70-year-old Roy May, talked with Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources agents after his release from a Paducah hospital Tuesday. He said he and his younger brothers had boat engine problems and were pulled too close to the dam by the current. Water coming down the spillway flipped the boat, splintering it and crushing the aluminum pontoons.

Other fishermen rescued Roy May shortly after the accident, according to The Paducah Sun.

Still missing Thursday morning were 65-year-old Al-

bert May and 63-year-old Gene May.

TVA allowed more water over the flood gates Wednesday to churn the Tennessee River. Rescuers hoped it would help them locate the bodies, but it did not.

Deputy Marshall County emergency management director Duane Hawes said that the area below the dam is a popular fishing spot, but it can be very dangerous.

"I think most people think the current is always going to be pushing them away from the gates," he said. "That's not true because of the turbulence."

There are warning signs posted along the shore.

"Dangerous waters. Violent surges occur suddenly. Keep out," one reads.

"People ignore them," Clark said.

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