An explosion aboard a vessel docked at the Scappoose Bay Marina near St. Helens sent one man to the hospital with burns, according to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

Joshua Gifford, 25, Cambridge, Idaho, was taken by Lifeflight helicopter to Emanuel Hospital after an explosion aboard the fishing vessel he was on caused burn injuries to his body. The extent of those injuries is unknown at this time.

Gifford was in the cabin aboard the 24-foot, Tolly Craft vessel he and others had been using as part of a gillnet operation on the Columbia River. The explosion occurred at 5:36 p.m. at the Scappoose Bay Marina, across the Multnomah Channel from the north end of Sauvie Island.

"We don't yet know what caused the explosion," Sheriff Jeff Dickerson said. "As we understand it, Mr. Gifford was working on the vessel as it was idling and tied up to the dock. The explosion was heard, and several witnesses saw Mr. Gifford leap into the water."

The explosion remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Coast Guard. Columbia River Fire and Rescue also responded and assisted at the scene.

Deputy Randy Bonds and a CRFR Fire Fighter help pull the fire-damaged boat to the boat ramp after it began taking on water.