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Search for missing British crew member suspended



London.—The U.S. Coast Guard said yesterday it has suspended its search for a British crew member who went overboard from a Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd cruise ship in the Atlantic Ocean.

The crews searched for about 83 hours, covering 3,707 square miles, the U.S. Coast Guard said, adding it has been in touch with the family of the man. The search was suspended yesterday, “Suspending a search is one of the most difficult decisions we have to make as first responders, and it is never made lightly,” the Coast Guard said in a statement. Arron Hough, 20, went overboard 267 miles (430 km) off the northwest of Puerto Rico on Tuesday,

“BREXIT WON’T AFFECT SPAIN-BASED BRITONS”



● “Their rights will be preserved whatever the scenario,” says Spain Prime Minister.

SPANISH Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez yesterday sought to reassure Britons living in Spain, saying their rights would remain unchanged after Britain’s exit from the European Union.

The government was working on

measures to ensure Spain-based Britons would keep their rights even if Britain crashed out of the EU without a deal on 29 March. Measures were however conditional on Spaniards getting the same treatment in Britain, he added.

“Their rights will be preserved what-

ever the scenario,” he told the prime minister’s traditional end-of-year news conference. Spain is the most popular European retirement destination for Britons and is home to around 300,000, mostly settled on the coast. Among foreign nationals, they are by far the big-

gest users of Spain’s state-funded, universal healthcare system. Sanchez said he would by February present a law outlining the rights of citizens in the respective countries that would also lay out measures to protect bilateral commercial relations. **SEE PAGE 4**

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