

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 13 April to 19 April 2012.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  
Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking System Rescues,  
Four.

Incident 1:

Beacon ID - 2DCE6DDE98FFBFF  
(Home Port-Dana Point, CA) On 13 April 2012 at 2355 UTC the  
COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 36 11.8N 118  
25.4W, about 22 NM east-northeast of Springville, CA. The  
PLB was activated by a stranded hiker during a snow storm.  
The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center contacted the  
Tulare County Search and Rescue, which used the SARSAT  
coordinates to locate and rescue the hiker. There were no  
reported injuries.

**1 SARSAT RESCUE**

Incident 2:

Beacon ID - 2DCC363724FFBFF  
On 14 April 2012 at 2156 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system  
detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 37 41.8N 123 05.2W, about 28 NM  
west of San Francisco, CA. The 38 foot sailboat Low Speed  
Chase competing in the Full Crew Farallones Race was rolled  
over by a series of large waves. The entire crew was cast  
overboard as the vessel ran aground in the Farallon  
Islands. The PACAREA Rescue Coordination Center received  
the alert, and launched several helicopters, a C-130, and  
the cutters Aspen, Pike and Sockeye. Of the 8 person crew,  
3 were rescued, 1 was pronounced dead at the scene, and the  
other 4 are missing and presumed dead.

**3 SARSAT RESCUES**

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 108

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 51

*Significance:* The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems. (Steve Roark 301-817-3896)