

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 20 April to 26 April 2012.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID - ADCD021ED4C2001

On 20 April 2012 at 0837 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 31 35.8N 081 18.2W, in the Sapelo Sound approximately 27 NM south of Savannah, GA. The F/V Canyon Runner began taking on water and ran aground. The three people on board were able to escape the Canyon Runner onto a life raft before the vessel sank. Coast Guard District Seven Rescue Coordination Center (CGD07) received the SARSAT alert and issued an emergency broadcast for the area. CGD07 also launched the 25ft Starbru and a MH-65 helicopter. The helicopter located the raft and a Good Samaritan vessel, the Warhorse, responded to the emergency broadcast to aid in the rescue. The three survivors were transferred from the Warhorse to the Starbru and were taken to Pelican Point, GA.

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Incident 2:

Beacon ID - 2DCC5190A0FFBFF

On 20 April 2012 at 1830 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 29 22.5N 083 44.0W, approximately 202 NM south of New Orleans, LA. The EPIRB was activated when the power fishing vessel Dry Pirate, with two people on board, suffered a dead battery. Coast Guard District Seven (CGD07) issued an emergency broadcast and launched a MH-60 helicopter. The helicopter located the vessel and informed CGD07 that the Dry Pirate was immobilized. CGD07 requested assistance from SEATOW, which sent a boat to charge the vessel's battery. The Dry Pirate returned to its home port under its own power. No injuries were reported.

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Incident 3:

Beacon ID - B408D35928104D1

On 21 April 2012 at 0523 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 16 16.7N 133 32.00E, approximately 670 NM west-northwest of Guam. The fishing vessel F/V Hsin Man Chun caught fire, with nine people on board. The crew manually activated the EPIRB and notified a sister ship (which was 22 hours away) by radio that they were abandoning ship. The Rescue Sub-Center (RSC) Guam received the SARSAT alert and later a call from MRCC Taipei about the distressed vessel. RSC Guam queried the Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue (AMVER) database and discovered the Marshall Island flagged bulk carrier, M/V Semirio was approximately 40 NM from the F/V Hsin Man Chun. The Master of M/V Semirio agreed to divert and assist the F/V Hsin Man Chun. RSC Guam also worked through US DOD channels and diverted a Navy P-3 Orion aircraft stationed at Kadena Air Base, Japan to assist. The aircraft spotted seven crew members in a life raft and two more on the bridge of the burning vessel. The Navy P-3 deployed a life raft to assist the crew members remaining on the burning vessel. The Navy P-3 flew cover while the M/V Semirio recovered the nine crew members from the F/V Hsin Man Chun.

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Incident 4:

Beacon ID - ADCE02122942801

On 22 April 2012 at 1944 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 21 26.8N 157 45.7W, 11 NM northeast of Honolulu, HI. The EPIRB activated automatically when the F/V Teylar-Lei capsized. The Coast Guard District 14 Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert and dispatched crash boats from nearby Kaneohe Marine Core Air Station. The boats located the Teylar-Lei and picked up the four crew members, who were unharmed. The Teylar-Lei was righted then towed back to port.

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Total number of rescues for FY 12: 126

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 69

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