

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 24 February to 1 March 2012.

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

Beacon ID - 2DCE4E0DB2FFBFF

On 23 February 2012 at 0946 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz distress signal at 70 21.7N, 153 49.9W, approximately 70 NM southeast of Barrow, AK. The driver of a snow machine got stuck and activated his PLB. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center received the first alert from the SARSAT system and contacted the North Slope Borrow (NSB) Search & Rescue. NSB launched a helicopter to the SARSAT coordinates and rescued the snow machine driver. No injuries were reported.

1 SARSAT RESCUE

Beacon ID - 2DCE5DEE06FFBFF

On 24 February 2012 at 2249 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB distress signal at 69 33.1N, 163 00.5W, approximately 20 NM south of Point Lay, AK. A hunter activated his PLB when he was unable to start his snow machine. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC) contacted the North Slope Borrow (NSB) after they received the first alert through the SARSAT system. NSB informed AKRCC that the beacon is owned by them and it was loaned to a hunter from the village. NSB sent out a rescue team which located and recovered the distressed hunter to Point Lay. No injuries reported.

1 SARSAT RESCUE

Beacon ID - 2DCC6482FEFFBFF

On 27 February 2012 at 0800 UTC, Coast Guard District 17 Rescue Coordination Center (CGD17) received a mayday call. The power fishing vessel Neptune I was grounded off the island of Umnak with three people on board. They stated they were going to abandon ship, but upon deployment of their life raft into the water, it was torn up by nearby rocks. They stated they were going to swim ashore. CGD17 advised them to activate their EPIRB and take it with them so they could be easily found ashore. At 0834 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz distress signal at 53 27.6N, 168 21.9W, approximately 85 NM southwest of Unalaska, AK. CGD17 diverted a cutter and a C-130 to the scene and further launched a helicopter to the SARSAT coordinates and rescued the three survivors on the beach. There were no injuries.

3 SARSAT RESCUES

Beacon ID - 2DD4403A3F81FE0

On 27 February 2012 at 1754 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz distress signal at 35 41.2N, 74 43.6W, approximately 60 NM east of Nags Head, NC. Sector North Carolina received a broken mayday ten minutes before the correlating 406 MHz EPIRB alert. The Coast Guard District 5 Rescue Coordination Center diverted a helicopter and Station Oak Island dispatched a 47 FT Motor Lifeboat (MLB) to the scene. The helicopter established communication with the disabled vessel which had 2 people

on board. The 47 FT MLB arrived on scene and towed the vessel into Oregon Inlet, NC.
2 SARSAT RESCUES

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 75

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 18

Significance: The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems.