

## SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 14 September to 20 September 2012.

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

### Incident 1:

Beacon ID: ADCC5084380029D

On 15 September 2012 at 0242 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz ELT at 68 54N, 157 36.78W, 140 NM South of Barrow, AK. A Cessna 172, N84549, with 2 people on board, crashed when its landing gear malfunctioned during a takeoff from a remote location. Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC) received the SARSAT alert and forwarded it to Coast Guard Air Station Barrow. Air Station Barrow dispatched an MH-60 helicopter to the SARSAT position. The MH-60 located the crash site and flew the 2 people back to Barrow.

### **2 SARSAT RESCUES**

### Incident 2:

Beacon ID: AA4D4006000034D

On 15 September 2012 at 0114 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 29 13.5N 91 27.3W, in The Gulf of Mexico 63 NM southeast of Lafayette, LA. A 50-year-old-man aboard the fishing vessel My Grandkids was suffering from symptoms associated with a stroke. The captain of the vessel radioed Coast Guard District 8 Rescue Coordination Center (CGD8), and manually activated the vessel's EPIRB. CGD8 dispatched an MH-65 helicopter which located the vessel and hoisted the sick crew member on board. CGD8 transported the man to awaiting emergency medical personnel at Houma-Terrebonne Airport. He was then transferred to West Jefferson Hospital in Marrero, LA.

### **1 SARSAT RESCUE**

### Incident 3:

Beacon ID: ADCE02372D42001

On 15 September 2012 at 0930UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 29 19.5N 84 37.9W, in the Gulf

of Mexico 30 NM southeast of Apalachicola, FL. Coast Guard Sector Mobile received a call from 43-foot vessel Dirty Pool reporting that the vessel was taking on water with 6 people on board. After the making the MAYDAY call the Master of the Dirty Pool manually activated the vessel's EPIRB. Shortly after the initial notification was received, Coast Guard District 8 Rescue Coordination Center (CGD8) received the SARSAT alert, contacted Sector Mobile, and correlated the alert with the radio call. CGD8 launched an MH-60 helicopter which located the Dirty Pool, and hoisted all 6 people on board. All 6 people were taken to Apalachicola.

#### **6 SARSAT RESCUES**

Incident 4:

Beacon ID: 2DCE617634FFBFF

On 16 September 2012 at 2145 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 42 41.1N 109 02.1W, 208 NM northwest of Cheyenne, WY. A group of students with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in Wyoming was hiking when one of the students lost consciousness. The group's lead instructor activated the PLB. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert, contacted the NOLS evacuation team in Lander, WY, and provided the evacuation team with the SARSAT location. The NOLS evacuation team dispatched a helicopter. The lead instructor contacted the NOLS evacuation team via SAT phone, and explained the situation. The NOLS helicopter located the hikers. When the helicopter arrived, the hiker who had passed out was awake, but did not know where he was. The hiker was flown to a hospital in Casper, WY.

#### **1 SARSAT RESCUE**

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 249

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 192

*Significance:* The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems. (LTJG Timothy Sinquefield, 301-817-4757)