

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 21 September to 27 September 2012.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: ADCD06DFA454401

On 22 September 2012 at 1802 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 42 03.78N 67 28.8W, 157 NM East of Boston, MA. The EPIRB was activated when the fishing vessel Linda began taking on water. Coast Guard District 1 (CGD01) received the SARSAT alert and communicated with the vessel by radio. A Coast Guard aircraft arrived at the SARSAT position and provided the vessel with an additional pump. The vessel's crew controlled the flooding, and turned off the beacon at the request of CGD01.

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Incident 2:

Beacon ID: 2DCE4E0CAAFFBFF

On 22 September 2012 at 1959 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz ELT at 68 54N, 157 36.78W, 140 NM south of Barrow, AK. Two men, who were rescued on the September 15, took a charter plane to the crash site in order to repair the landing gear on N84549 and fly it home. The charter plane returned home due to poor weather and the two men stayed at the crash site. They could not repair N84549 and activated their PLB. Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC) received the SARSAT alert and sent it to North Slope Borough Search and Rescue (NSB). NSB requested assistance because of the poor weather. An Alaska Air National Guard HC-130 was dispatched to the SARSAT location, and dropped supplies and a radio to the stranded aviators. The 2 men said they would wait for the weather to clear enough for a helicopter to reach them, and would reactivate their PLB if another emergency occurred. Two days later, a North Slope Borough SAR helicopter picked up the 2 men and transported them to Barrow.

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Total number of rescues for FY 12: 258

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 201

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