

## SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 25 - 31 January 2013.

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

### Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 2DCE571788FFBFF

On 26 January 2013 at 0928 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) at 21 41.5N 072 29.3W, 2 NM west of West Caicos Island, and 8 NM southwest of Providenciales Island in Turks and Caicos. The sailing vessel Antonia Maria, with 2 people on board, became disabled and the captain activated the PLB. Coast Guard District 7 (CGD07) received the SARSAT alert and launched an MH-60 Helicopter, assigned to Air Station Clearwater Florida, from Providenciales. The MH-60 located the Antonia Maria and verified all on board were safe. The Antonia Maria's captain requested help arranging a tow. CGD07 contacted the Turks and Caicos Island Police, who dispatched a Marine unit, which towed the Antonia Maria to West Caicos Harbour.

### **2 SARSAT RESCUES**

### Incident 2:

Beacon ID: 2DCE5DEDE4FFBFF

On 29 January 2013 at 2121 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) at 69 46.9N 160 23.5W, 52 NM southwest of Wainwright, AK. A lone hunter activated the PLB when his snow machine broke down in a remote area. Alaska Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert and forwarded it to North Slope Borough Search and Rescue (NSB). NSB organized a ground rescue team, but it was delayed one day because of weather. The next day a two man rescue team on snow machines used the SARSAT coordinates to locate the hunter who was in good condition. The rescue team transported the hunter back to Wainwright.

### **1 SARSAT RESCUE**

Total number of rescues for FY 13: 61

Total number of rescues for the CY 2013: 12

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

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