

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 01 - 07 February 2013.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: ADCD02125944401

On February 3, 2013 at 1908 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected an un-located 406 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB), about 6 NM west of Gordon's Pass, FL. The fishing vessel *Isabel* with two persons onboard was struck by a wave which filled the deck with water. The fishermen were unable to pump the water out quickly enough to prevent the vessel from capsizing. The fishermen activated their EPIRB before they were thrown overboard and Coast Guard District 7 (CGD07) was alerted. CGD07 received the un-located alert and made contact with the owner's wife. The wife informed CGD07 that the fishermen were on their way to a location 17 NM off the coast of Naples, FL. CGD07 then received 2 alerts at 1942 in the same vicinity (26 06.0N, 081 55.0W) with unreliable Beacon IDs. CGD07 determined that these alerts corresponded to the same beacon activation. CGD07 contacted Sector St. Petersburg which issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast (UMIB) and initiated the launch of a vessel from Station Fort Myers Beach, FL. Responding to the UMIB, Collier County Marine Unit diverted two marine units and a helicopter that recovered both fishermen. No injuries were reported.

2 SARSAT RESCUES

Total number of rescues for FY 13: 63

Total number of rescues for the CY 2013: 14

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

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