

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 18 - 24 January 2013.

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

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 2DCE5AC00AFFBFF

On 18 January 2012 at 1940 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 45 14.4N 71 15.9W, in New Hampshire, 2 NM south of the US/Canadian Border. Two snowmobilers riding in a large group were injured when their snowmobiles collided. A member of the group activated his PLB. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) received the SARSAT alert and contacted the New Hampshire State Police. The New Hampshire State Police forwarded the SARSAT location to New Hampshire Fish and Game, which dispatched a helicopter to the SARSAT location. One injured person was flown from the scene to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. The second injured person was transported from the scene by rescue sled, and was later flown to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston.

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Incident 2:

Beacon ID: 2DCE65865CFFBFF

On 19 January 2013 at 0051 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 27 47.9N 082 27.7W, about 9 NM south of Tampa, FL. Three Marine Corps Midshipmen rented two kayaks from MacDill Air Force Base. Inclement weather caused one of the kayaks to capsize and sink. The Midshipmen activated their PLB. Coast Guard District 7 Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert, launched assets from Station St Petersburg, and issued an urgent marine information broadcast (UMIB). The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) and Hillsborough County responded to the UMIB and launched SAR assets. The FWCC recovered the three Midshipmen and transported them back to MacDill AFB.

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Incident 3:

Beacon ID: ADCE4C2710002E9

On 18 January 2013 at 1316 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 30 57.4N 080 44.5W, 40 NM southeast of Brunswick, GA. The EPIRB was manually activated when the sailing vessel Maggie, with one person on board, was taking on water and unable to make way in poor weather conditions. Coast Guard District 7 Rescue Coordination Center (CGD7) received a SARSAT alert, issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast and launched an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Air Station Savannah, GA. The MH-65 located the Maggie, hoisted the captain and his cat on board, and transported them to Savannah. The Maggie sank shortly after the rescue.

1 SARSAT RESCUE

Total number of rescues for FY 13: 58

Total number of rescues for the CY 13: 9

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

http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/SARSAT_Rescues.html