

## SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 08 - 14 March 2013.

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

### Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 2DCE5DED90FFBFF

On 07 March at 0252 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 67 53.33N 152 15.3W, about 200 NM Northwest of Fairbanks, AK (halfway between Fairbanks and Barrow, AK). A person who crashed on a snow machine activated his PLB. AKRCC received the SARSAT alert and forwarded the alert to the North Slope Borough (NSB). NSB launched a ground team that located and rescued the rider. The rider was uninjured and the PLB was the only notification.

**1 SARSAT RESCUE**

### Incident 2:

Beacon ID: ADCD06CDB850001

On 6 March 2013 at 1537 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 37 46.3N 075 09.2W, about 12 NM southeast of Chincoteague Island, VA. Coast Guard District 5 (CGD05) received an alert for the fishing vessel Seafarer when it capsized. CGD05 contacted the owner of the Seafarer who stated that the Seafarer experienced a steering problem and was being towed by the fishing vessel Capt Alex. The owner informed CGD05 that he lost communication with both vessels and did not know the location of either vessel. CGD05 contacted Sector Hampton Roads to make callouts and issue a UMIB. There were no updates or response to the UMIB and CGD05 launched a Motor Life Boat (MLB) from Station Chincoteague and an H-60 helicopter from Air Station Elizabeth City (ASEC). The MLB and H-60 arrived at the SARSAT coordinates and found 1 person in a life raft, surrounded by debris. The H-60 hoisted the survivor who had suffered a laceration to the forehead and hypothermia. The survivor was transported to EMS and the H-60 went back to the crash site to search for two missing crewmembers. The MLB and H-60 completed their initial search with no results. CGD05 suspended the search due to heavy weather, night visual conditions, and crew fatigue. ASEC conducted a first light search on March 7th but found no additional survivors found.

**1 SARSAT RESCUE**

Total number of rescues for FY 13: 71

Total number of rescues for the CY 2013: 22

*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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