

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 18 November - 24 November 2011.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking System Rescues-Seventeen. The seventeen rescues were in seven incidents.

Incident 1

Beacon ID: ADCE021B3144801

On 16 November 2011 at 0211 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 28 04.8N, 079 28.3W, approximately 60 NM east of Palm Bay, Florida. An EPIRB on the sailing vessel Egide was activated after the mast on the vessel broke. Coast Guard District Seven (CGD07) launched a HC-144 fixed wing aircraft after they received the located alert. The aircraft located the vessel which was disabled and adrift. The Norwegian Gem which was 20 NM away was diverted by CGD07 to the location of the disabled vessel. The one individual on the Egide was rescued by the Norwegian Gem. The EPIRB was left in the on position for tracking and for future salvage. No injuries were reported. **1 SARSAT Rescue.**

Incident 2

Beacon ID - 2DCE54A13AFFBFF

On 17 November 2011 at 0247 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 74 04.1N, 157 06.0W, about 15 miles southwest of Barrow, AK. Three people became stranded after their snowmobiles broke down. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC) received the SARSAT alert and contacted the North Slope Borough (NSB). NSB dispatched a rescue ground team that located and rescued the three people. No injuries were reported. **3 SARSAT Rescues.**

Incident 3

Beacon ID - 2DCC6AB2DCFFBFF

On 17 November 2011 at 1820 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 34 24.8N, 076 38.9W, about 10 miles south of Cape Lookout, NC. The sailing vessel Jocale activated the EPIRB and made a Mayday call after the vessel was demasted. Coast Guard District 5 (CGD05) received the SARSAT alert and launched a helicopter to the SARSAT position. The Coast Guard also dispatched a boat from Sector Ft. Macon. The boat rescued the 3 people on board the vessel and towed it to Beaufort Inlet. No reported were injuries. **3 SARSAT Rescues.**

Incident 4

Beacon ID - ADCD0239E541801

On 18 November 2011 at 1240 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 37 40.5N, 122 59.0W, approximately 30 NM southwest of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, CA. The crew of the fishing vessel Capt Jack activated the EPIRB because the

vessel lost power and had no means of communication. PACAREA received the alert and dispatched a helicopter from Air Station San Francisco and a motor life boat from Station Golden Gate to the SARSAT position. The motor lifeboat towed the Capt Jack to shore. **2 SARSAT RESCUES**

Incident 5

Beacon ID - 2DCE6144CCFFBFF

On 20 November 2011 at 0159 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 69 31.1N 162 48.6W, 18 miles south of Point Lay, Alaska. An individual activated the PLB when his snowmobile had a mechanical problem. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert and contacted the North Slope Borough (NSB). NSB contacted the Point Lay rescue center which organized a rescue team that located and rescued the individual. No injuries were reported. **1 SARSAT RESCUE**

Incident 6

Beacon ID - ADCD06E63C4D001

On 21 November 2011 at 0746 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 22 17.9N 072 40.8W, 28 NM east of Mayaguana, The Bahamas. The power fishing vessel Capt. George, with six persons on board, ran aground. The Coast Guard District 7 Rescue Coordination Center launched a helicopter to the SARSAT position. The helicopter located the 6 survivors, hoisted them aboard and transported them to the Mayaguana Airport. **6 SARSAT RESCUES**

Incident 7

Beacon ID - 2DCE6431F4FFBFF

On 23 November 2011 at 2318 UTC, the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB in position 38 19.3N 110 32.1W, about 162 NM SE of Salt Lake City, Utah. A member of a hiking group activated the PLB after a student with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) got stuck in quicksand. The AFRCC received the SARSAT alert and contacted the NOLS, the PLB owner. NOLS contacted a member of the group and confirmed the distress. AFRCC then notified the Wayne County Sheriff's Department about the distress and its location. The Sheriff's Dept located and rescued the hiker. **1 SARSAT RESCUE**

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 43

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2011: 191

Significance: The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems. (Steve Roark 301-817-3896).