

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 18 May to 24 May 2012.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking System Rescues,
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Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 9B68D34C40D54D1

On 19 May 2012 at 1734 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 34 44.0N 53 14.6W, the sailing vessel Petra with two people on board became disabled 1130 NM east of the North Carolina coast. The Petra contacted Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) Denmark, and informed them they were abandoning ship. The crew of the Petra boarded their life raft and brought the Petra's EPIRB with them to mark their position. Coast Guard District 5 (CGD05) sent out a call to nearby AMVER vessels. Two AMVER vessels rerouted to the SARSAT coordinates provided by CGD05 but a Finnish naval vessel arrived to the scene first and rescued both people in the life raft.

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Incident 2:

Beacon ID: ADCD04D94D40401

On 19 May 2012 at 2122 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB at 21 36.8N 158 41.7W, 14 NM west of Oahu, HI. The crew of the fishing vessel Nani G II activated the EPIRB after the vessel became disabled due a cargo net getting wrapped around the vessel's propeller. After activating the EPIRB, a crew member severed his finger hauling in a fishing line. Coast Guard District 14 (CGD14) received the SARSAT alert, issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast (UMIB), and dispatched a helicopter. Before the helicopter was airborne the Nani G II made a MAYDAY call to report the severed finger to CGD14. The CG helicopter located the Nani G II and airlifted the injured fisherman. The Nani G II freed the cargo net from the propeller and returned to port escorted by a sister ship.

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Incident 3:

Beacon ID: 2DCE4E0CA6FFBFF

On 20 May 2012 at 0324 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 70 34.4N 152 37.0W, 87 NM northwest of Deadhorse, AK. Two motorists became stuck on the ice, and activated their PLB. Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC) received the SARSAT alert and forwarded data to North Slope Borough (NSB). NSB dispatched a helicopter to the SARSAT location. The motorists were able to free their truck from the ice and therefore silenced their PLB. However, they quickly reactivated it when they realized they were almost out of fuel. The NSB helicopter located and rescued the stranded motorists.

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Incident 4:

Beacon ID: 2DCE5DED8EFFBFF

On 23 May 2012 at 0353 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 68 09.8N 151 33.4W, approximately 300 NM southeast of Barrow, AK in the Arctic National Park. The PLB was activated by an individual who was stranded on an off-road vehicle. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC) received the SARSAT alert and forwarded the distress information to the North Slope Borough (NSB). Using the SARSAT location, NSB dispatched a ground team from Anaktuvuk that located the stranded individual and transported him to Anaktuvuk with no injuries.

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Incident 5:

Beacon ID: 2DCE700CDEFFBFF

On 24 May 2012 at 1455 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 23 40.5N 079 37.7W, 119 NM southeast of Key West, Florida. Coast Guard District 7 (CGD7) received the SARSAT alert, launched a HC-144 aircraft to the SARSAT coordinates and issued an electronic group call. Responding to the electronic group call, the merchant vessel Ocean Victory reported that sails were torn on the sailing vessel Anaab and the Annab needed a tow. The Ocean Victory provided communications to CGD7 until a Coast Guard Cutter arrived on scene and took the Anaab in tow. No injuries were reported.

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Total number of rescues for FY 12: 153

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 96

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