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ANNEX C

LIST OF SAR EVENTS ASSISTED BY COSPAS-SARSAT

January - December 2005

Note: Distress incident reports printed in *Italics* were not included in the count of SAR events assisted by Cospas-Sarsat and persons rescued, because although Cospas-Sarsat provided alert and/or location data, for various reasons this information was not of direct use to SAR services.

TABLE C.1: Number of SAR Events and Persons Rescued

January 2005 to December 2005

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Beacon Type	Type of Event	Number of Events				Person Rescued Total
		Total	Only Alert	First Alert	Support	
121.5 MHz	ELT	46	9	19	18	74
	EPIRB	92	2	46	44	275
	PLB	39	2	26	11	55
	Sub-Total	177	13	91	73	404
406 MHz	ELT	11	2	6	3	35
	EPIRB	182	50	45	87	1133
	PLB	65	24	41	0	94
	Sub-Total	258	76	92	90	1,262
All	Grand Total	435	89	183	163	1,666

TABLE C.2: Summary of SAR Events and Persons Rescued

September 1982 to December 2005

Beacon Type	Type of Event	Number of Events				Person Rescued Total
		Total	Only Alert	First Alert	Support	
121.5 MHz	ELT	1,336	306	404	626	2,732
	EPIRB	1,453	409	447	597	4,460
	PLB	314	106	130	78	613
	Sub-Total	3,103	821	981	1,301	7,805
406 MHz	ELT	33	8	16	9	79
	EPIRB	2,068	970	399	699	11,783
	PLB	548	390	145	13	864
	Sub-Total	2,649	1,368	477	721	12,726
All	Grand Total	5,752	2,189	1,541	2,022	20,531

**TABLE C.3: STATISTICS OF SAR EVENTS AND PERSONS RESCUED
(September 1982 to December 2005)**

Period	Number of SAR Events	Total Number of SAR Events (from Sep.1982)	Number of Persons Rescued	Total Number of Persons Rescued (from Sep.1982)
Sep. 1982 - Dec. 1982	4	4	12	12
January-December 1983	59	63	164	176
January-December 1984	82	145	199	375
January-December 1985	78	223	165	540
January-December 1986	92	315	266	806
January-December 1987	96	411	257	1,063
January-December 1988	65	476	179	1,242
January-December 1989	93	569	318	1,560
January-December 1990	121	690	264	1,824
January-December 1991	185	875	578	2,402
January-December 1992	213	1,088	681	3,083
January-December 1993	264	1,352	960	4,043
January-December 1994	297	1,649	998	5,041
January-December 1995	310	1,959	1,137	6,178
January-December 1996	288	2,247	1,176	7,354
January-December 1997	389	2,636	1,312	8,666
January-December 1998	385	3,021	1,334	10,000
January-December 1999	340	3,361	1,227	11,227
January-December 2000	386	3,747	1,520	12,747
January-December 2001	365	4,112	1,545	14,292
January-December 2002	373	4,485	1,411	15,703
January-December 2003	366	4,851	1,414	17,117
January-December 2004	466	5,317	1,748	18,865
January-December 2005	435	5,752	1,666	20,531

FIGURE C.1: GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF ALL REPORTED SAR EVENTS FOR WHICH COSPAS-SARSAT DATA WAS USED (2005)

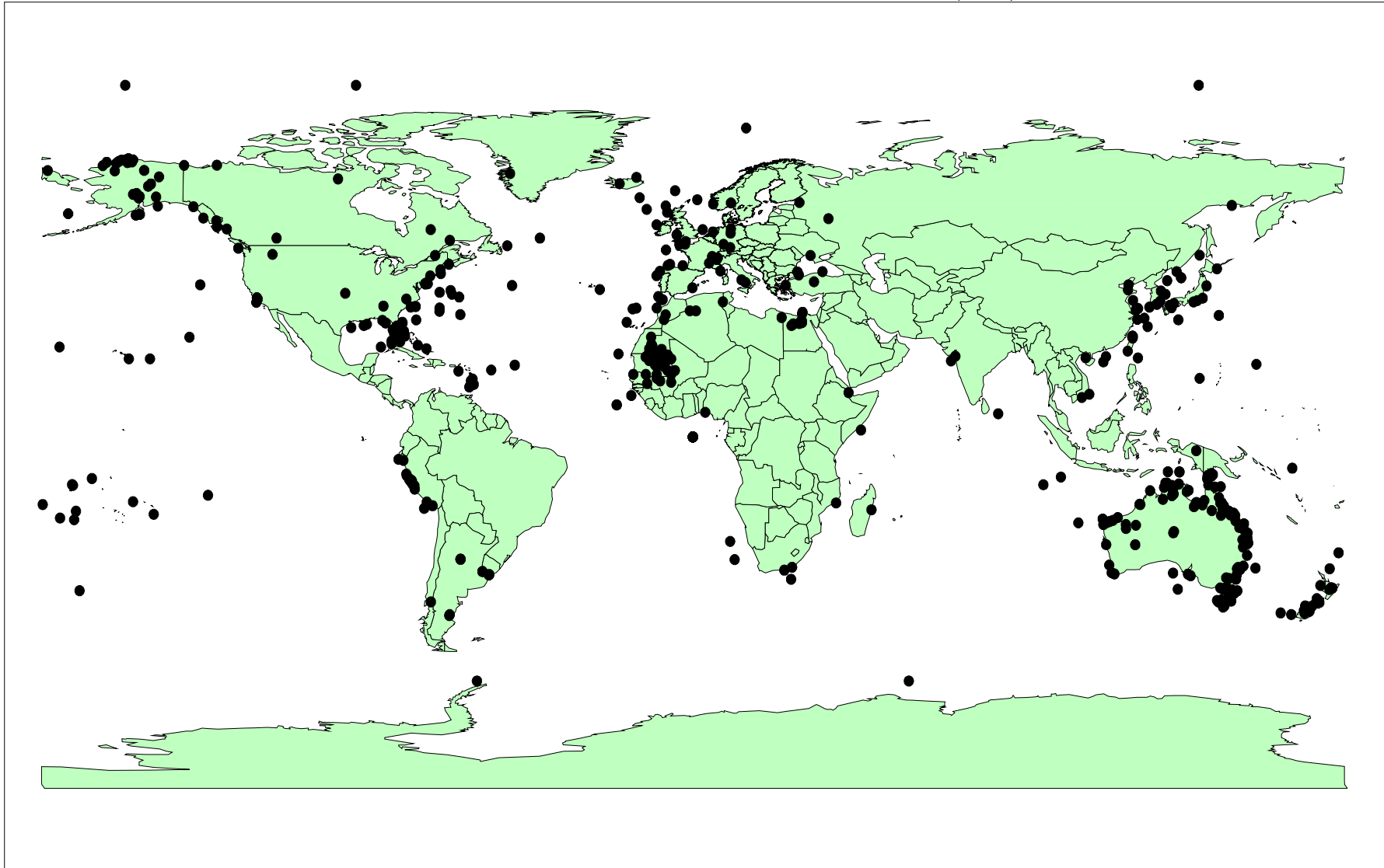


FIGURE C.2: GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF 406 MHz REPORTED SAR EVENTS FOR WHICH COSPAS-SARSAT DATA WAS USED (2005)

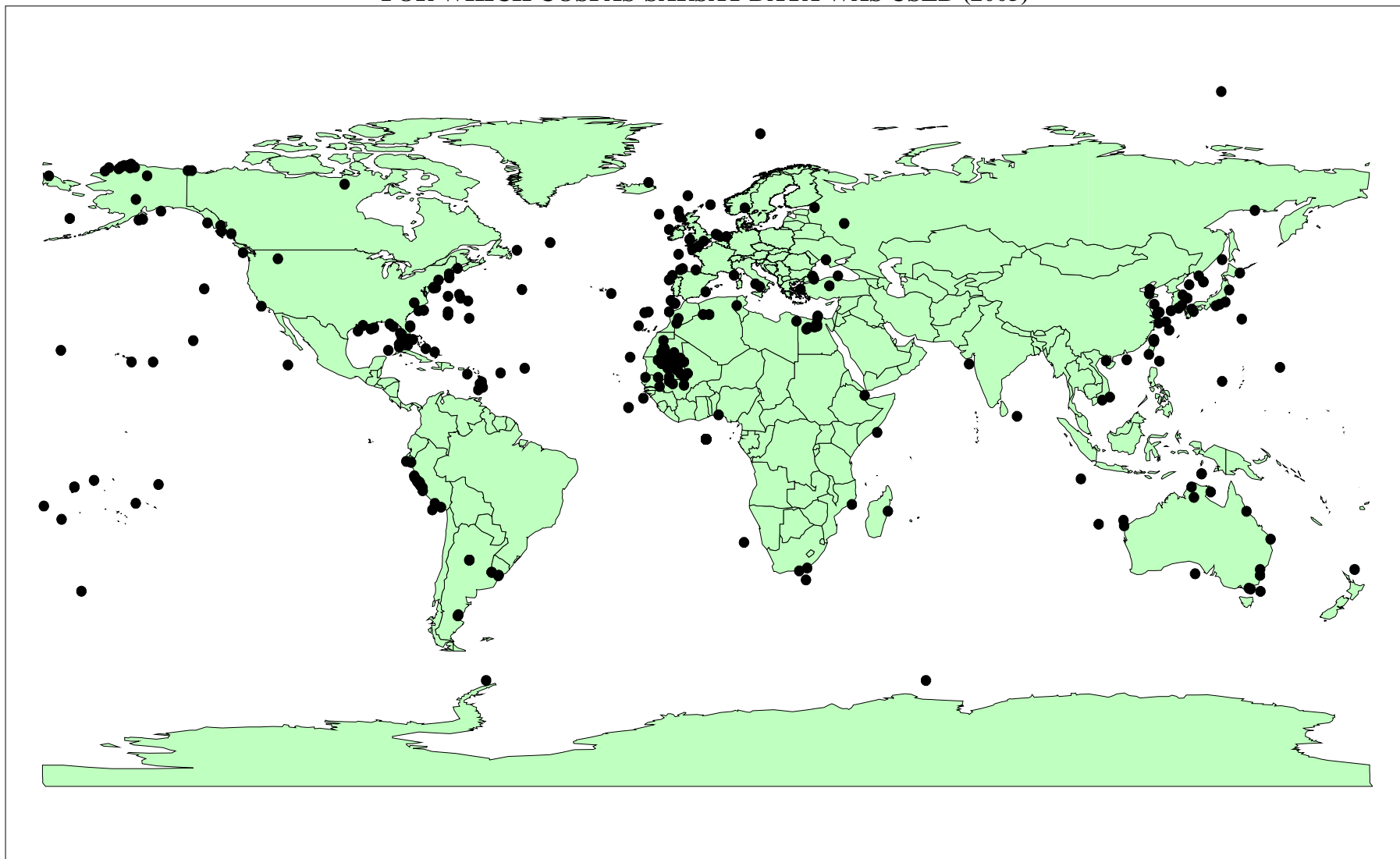
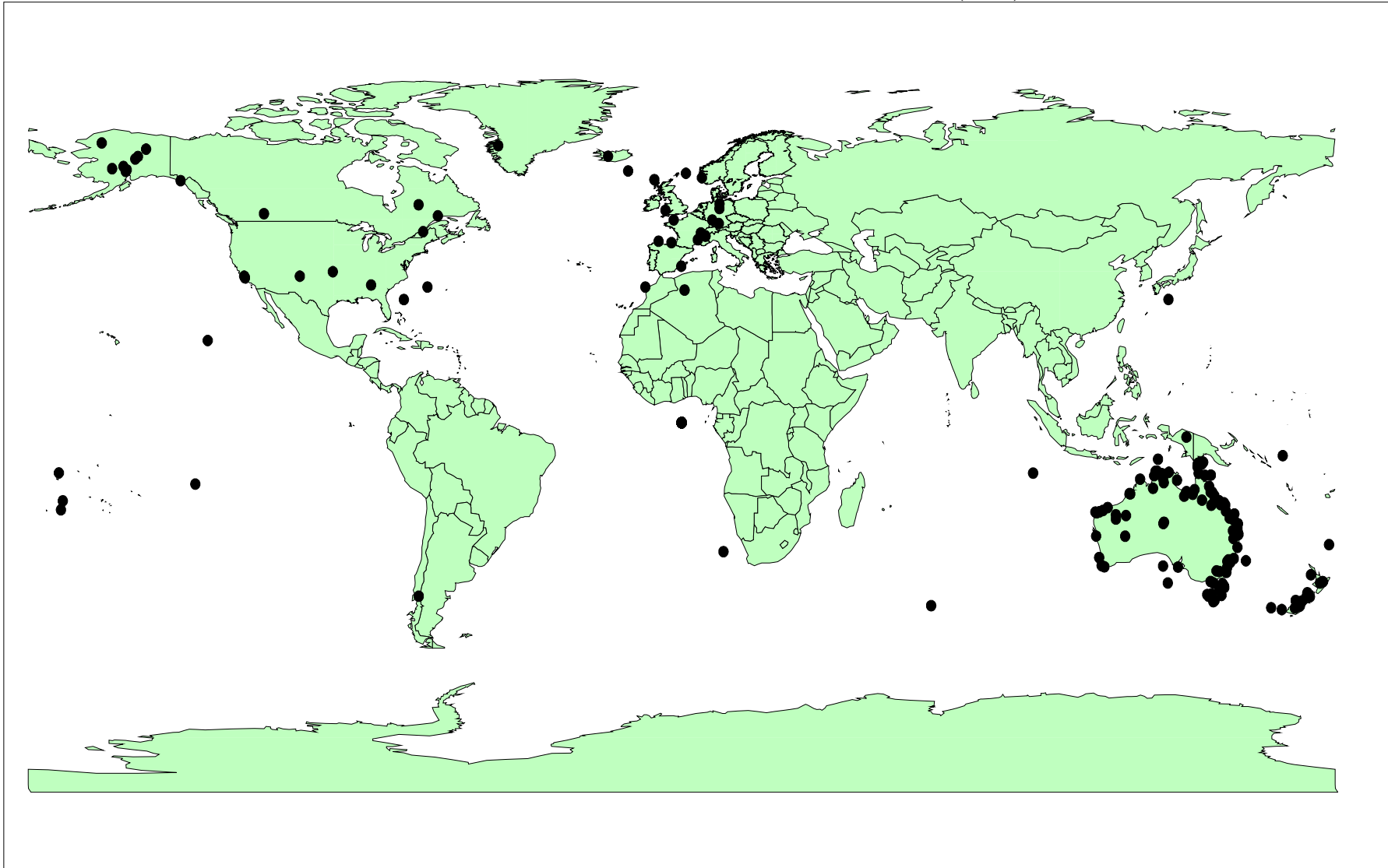


FIGURE C.3: GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF 121.5 MHz REPORTED SAR EVENTS FOR WHICH COSPAS-SARSAT DATA WAS USED (2005)



**LIST OF SEARCH AND RESCUE EVENTS FOR WHICH COSPAS-SARSAT
DATA WAS INSTRUMENTAL
(1 January - 31 December 2005)**

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
01 January	30.38° N 124.71° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Yu Long (China)	CNMCC	11 / 11	406 MHz
Details					
<u>East China Sea</u>		Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>only alert</u>			
The vessel Yu Long capsized in Level 10 winds. All 11 crew members were saved by the Chinese Safety Vessel in the vicinity.					
01 January	01.76° N 046.43° E	Maritime Motor vessel (Madeira)	ITMCC	7 / 7	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Somalia SRR area</u>		Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>			
Shipwrecked due to bad weather.					
04 January	Morocco	PLB Motorbike	FMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Morocco</u>		Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>only alert</u>			
A competitor in the Rally Dakar 2005, fell and broke his leg and arm. Also reported by SPMCC.					
05 January	12.16° S 130.95° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	5 / 5	121.5/243 MHz
Details					
<u>Gunn Point, Northern Territory, Australia</u>		Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>			
Transiting aircraft reported a beacon signal in the Darwin area. Darwin Police HQ reported that a small vessel with 5 POB had just called on a mobile phone advising they had activated their EPIRB. The vessel had run out of fuel with several persons onboard sick. Police HQ advise Northern Territory Marine and Fisheries officers were tasked to assist, the vessel phoned through their GPS position. A Net Water Drift plan was emailed to NT Marine and Fisheries. AUMCC detected a 121.5/243 MHz alert and passed position to NT Marine and Fisheries. NT Police subsequently called RCC to advise that the boat has been located, fuel was provided & the beacon turned off.					

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
05 January	Morocco	PLB Motorbike	FMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details

Morocco Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
A competitor in the Rally Dakar 2005, suffered mechanical problems.

05 January	22.53° N 011.83° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Fderik, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The motorbike participant No: 40 in the Rally Dakar 2005, brokedown.

05 January	22.55° N 012.06° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Fderik, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The motorbike participant No: 73 brokedown in the Rally Dakar 2005.

05 January	22.56° N 011.80° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Fderik, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 245 in Rally Dakar 2005 suffered mechanical problems.

05 January	23.75° N 011.48° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Aguel el Adam, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 213 in the Rally Dakar 2005 lost his way.

05 January	25.56° N 011.55° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Bir Mogrein, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The participant No. 128 in the Rally Dakar 2005, lost his way when his GPS was damaged.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
05 January	Mauritania	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The motorbike participant No. 211 in Rally Dakar 2005 broke down. There were also 4 false alerts produced whilst the bike was being transported by truck.

06 January	Mauritania	PLB Vehicle	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
Medical assistance was required after a car in the Rally Dakar 2005 crashed.

06 January	21.63° N 010.63° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Ouadnae, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The participant No: 164 in the Rally Dakar 2005 was injured.

06 January	22.43° N 008.66° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Tichit, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The participant No: 136 in the Rally Dakar 2005 suffered mechanical problems and became lost.

06 January	22.96° N 011.40° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Jraifia, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The Rally Dakar 2005 participant No: 445 suffered mechanical problems to his car.

06 January	23.28° N 011.21° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Admamtalmat, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The participants of vehicle entry No: 416 in the Rally Dakar 2005 became lost after suffering mechanical problems.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
06 January	Mauritania	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz

Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The Rally Dakar 2005 participant No: 319 required medical attention after crashing the car.

07 January	Mauritania	PLB Vehicle	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The competitor got lost in the desert whilst competing in the Rally Dakar 2005.

07 January	Mauritania	PLB Lorry	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
A lorry got lost in the desert whilst competing in the Rally Dakar 2005.

07 January	18.29° N 010.31° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Tichit, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Rally Dakar 2005 competitor No: 74 fell and required a medical evacuation.

07 January	18.43° N 010.18° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Tichit, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 28 in the Rally Dakar 2005 became lost in the dessert.

07 January	18.51° N 009.36° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Tichit, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Competitor No: 222 in the Rally Dakar 2005 became lost.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
07 January	18.65° N 009.33° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details

Tichit, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Competitor No: 218 got lost in the Rally Dakar 2005.

07 January	19.03° N 007.63° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Tichit, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Competitor No: 41 became lost in the Rally Dakar 2005.

07 January	19.91° N 009.51° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Tichit, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Rally Dakar 2005 competitor No: 434 suffered mechanical problems with their vehicle.

07 January	20.26° N 009.91° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Atar, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 387 in the Rally Dakar 2005 suffered engine failure to his car.

07 January	Mauritania	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Competitor No: 373 in the Rally Dakar 2005 suffered mechanical problems to their car.

08 January	Mauritania	PLB Vehicle	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The occupants of a car that crashed during the Rally Dakar 2005 required medical attention.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
08 January	Mauritania	PLB Vehicle	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz

Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
Medical problem in the Rally Dakar 2005.

08 January	18.53° N 010.50° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Tichit, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 430 in the Rally Dakar 2005 got into distress and required assistance.

08 January	19.55° N 012.10° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Aguilal, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 199 in the Rally Dakar 2005 suffered engine failure and required medical assistance.

08 January	20.53° N 012.86° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Atar, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 33 fell and required medical evacuation in Rally Dakar 2005.

08 January	Mauritania	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Competitor No: 341 required medical assistance whilst participating in the Rally Dakar 2005.

10 January	37.85° N 138.55° E	Aviation Helicopter MH903 (Japan)	JAMCC	6 / 6	406 MHz
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Details

off Sado Akadomari, Japan Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The JCG helicopter made an emergency sea landing because of engine trouble. The crew were rescued by a patrol vessel in the vicinity.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
10 January	21.46° N 011.83° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details

Oudane, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 147 in the Rally Dakar 2005 had broken down.

10 January	21.58° N 012.05° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Tourine, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 243 in the Rally Dakar 2005 suffered mechanical problems with his quad.

10 January	Mauritania	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 321 in the Rally Dakar 2005 rolled their car and required medical assistance.

11 January	Mauritania	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 0	406 MHz
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Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Participant No: 4 in the Rally Dakar 2005 suffered a heart attack and died. Also reported by FMCC.

12 January	17.31° S 123.60° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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Details

Derby, Western Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Detection by satellite, and subsequent hearing reports of distress beacon in the Derby, Western Australia (WA) area. The Police Station was unmanned. WA Police at Fremantle and Broome advised, there were no known incidents. Derby police were alerted and subsequently advised concern raised the previous night for an overdue dinghy with two persons. A homer equipped SAR aircraft from Broome was tasked and located broken down dinghy with two persons on board 2 nm off the coast from Derby. A local volunteer surface asset was tasked by police to respond, and towed vessel back to Derby.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
12 January	44.50° S 168.75° E	Aviation Hang glider	AUMCC	1 / 0	121.5 MHz

Details

Omarama, Central South Island, New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
A glider crash at Omarama, Central South Island.

12 January	Mauritania	PLB Motorbike	FMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
A motorbike in the Rally Dakar 2005 suffered mechanical problems.

12 January	33.23° N 126.13° E	Maritime Fishing boat No. 72 Seil (Korea)	KOMCC	12 / 12	406 MHz
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Details

Yellow Sea Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The boat sank for unknown reasons. 12 crew members were rescued by the fishing boat No. 71 Seil near the accident site.

12 January	20.50° N 013.06° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Atar, Mauritania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The motorbike competitor No: 174 in the Rally Dakar 2005, brokedown.

12 January	57.71° N 005.68° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Sustain (UK)	UKMCC	0 / 0	406 MHz
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Details

Charlestown, West coast of Scotland Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The fishing vessel Sustain sank during severe storms whilst alongside at Charlestown on the Northwest coast of Scotland. There were no persons in any danger.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
12 January	58.26° N 012.75° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Cibeles (UK)	UKMCC	19 / 19	406 MHz

DetailsRockall seaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The fishing vessel Cibeles lost power. 19 POB were picked up by the merchant vessel The Agean Spirit.

13 January	10.70° S 142.10° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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DetailsBamaga/Injinoo, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

A beacon was heard by aircraft South of Horn Island. It was thought unlikely to be subject of parallel SAR incident (Aus 2005/324) of overdue dinghy from Yorke Island. A coastwatch aircraft was released and tasked. A rescue helicopter was also released and placed on standby. After much difficulty due to an unserviceable homer, the target was identified as a broken down half cabin runabout on the Western side of Prince of Wales Island, at anchor, displaying V sheet, with two persons on board. Details & coordination transferred to QLD Police to arrange recovery.

13 January	38.63° S 145.73° E	Maritime Jet ski	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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DetailsInverloch, Victoria, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Aircraft reported hearing a beacon to the South Southeast of Melbourne. A police helicopter was tasked to home and resolve. Advice was received from Victorian water police of a jet skier in distress in the vicinity of Inverloch. The satellite system produced a resolved position in that general area. An aircraft of opportunity flying in the area was tasked and located the distressed skier. With darkness approaching a second helicopter with FLIR was tasked to maintain visual contact with the jet skier. The Victorian State Emergency Service deployed a vessel which was guided by aircraft and subsequently located and recovered the jet skier.

13 January	Mali	PLB Motorbike (France)	FMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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DetailsMaliCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

Rider suffered medical problems after crashing in the Rally Dakar 2005.

13 January	14.33° N 009.05° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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DetailsSarab Alani, MaliCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Rally Dakar 2005 participant No: 178 crashed and required medical assistance.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
13 January	16.00° N 016.46° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz

Details

Senegal Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
A participant in the Rally Dakar 2005 was involved in a crash and required medical assistance.

13 January	Mali	PLB Racer	SPMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Mali Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Rally Dakar 2005 participant No: 115 crashed and required medical services.

13 January	18.63° N 049.31° W	Maritime Pleasure boat Siskin (UK)	UKMCC	Unk / Unk	406 MHz
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Details

Cumbria Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The vessel was taking on water. No further details available.

13 January	54.78° N 004.18° W	Maritime Pleasure vessel Siskin (UK)	UKMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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Details

United Kingdom Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
3 POB were lifted to safety from their liferaft by R 177. The vessel sank shortly afterwards which is when the alert was received.

13 January	18.37° N 049.20° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Aurora (UK)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

960 nm East of Puerto Rico Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The Coast Guard Lanterea diverted the Amver vessel Portoroz and launched a C-130 fixed wing aircraft to the location. On arrival, the C-130 found the Aurora taking on water. The C-130 dropped pumps but they were ineffective. The two POB abandoned ship and were recovered by the Portoroz.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
14 January	28.23° N 125.61° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Sakaeru (Panama)	JAMCC	12 / 12	406 MHz

Details180 nm West of Amami-Oshima, JapanCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The JAMCC received an alert transmitted from the cargo vessel Sakaeru. The JCG sent a message of confirmation of her situation by Inmarsat-C, but could not communicate with her. A Japan Air Self-Defense Force airplane found that she was on fire. All the crew of the vessel were rescued by a Japan Air Self-Defense Force helicopter.

14 January	13.66° N 012.63° W	PLB Racer	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsDiana, SenegalCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Participant No: 315 had mechanical problems in the Rally Dakar 2005.

15 January	10.00° S 143.35° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	5 / 5	121.5 MHz
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DetailsTorres Strait, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The Cospas-Sarsat system detected a beacon on 121.5 MHz in Torres Strait approximately 7 nm East of Coconut Island. A rescue helicopter from Horn Island was tasked for homing, and Thursday Island Water Police tasked a Volunteer SAR vessel at Coconut Island to act as rescue platform due to darkness. RCC advised Thursday Island Police that the helicopter did not detect a beacon signal in the vicinity, and following a search of the area, returned to base. Volunteer rescue vessel was already in the area prior to the arrival of the helicopter, and came across a local fishing vessel with five people on board. The vessel had suffered engine problems and activated its distress beacon. The vessel had drifted towards Coconut Island and located the rescue boat, so they had switched beacon off. They were towed back to Coconut Island.

15 January	31.38° S 115.40° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Mystique	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5 MHz
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DetailsOff Guilderton, Perth, Western AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

A distress beacon was reported by aircraft in the Perth area, followed soon after by a report from the WA Police of a fishing vessel named Mystique, on fire 8-10 km West of Guilderton with 4 persons reported to have taken to a life-raft. AusSAR RCC immediately tasked rescue helicopter from Jandakot and diverted an airborne media helicopter to the area. The media helicopter located a burning vessel and three persons in a life-raft and held overhead until the arrival of the rescue helicopter. Rescue helicopter winched three persons to safety and confirmed only three persons were involved. Vessel burnt to waterline and sunk in approximately 30 m of water. The empty life-raft was not recovered and remained adrift.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
15 January	53.25° N 010.46° E	Aviation Aircraft DR253 D-EDUA	FMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz

DetailsGermany

Cospas-Sarsat provided

supporting data

2 people were injured after the aircraft crashed.

15 January	57.13° N 172.62° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Big Valley	USMCC	6 / 1	406 MHz
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Details70 nm West of St. Paul Island, Alaska

Cospas-Sarsat provided

only alert

The Coast Guard District 17 RCC Juneau issued an UMIB and dispatched the Coast Guard cutter Sherman and an HH-60 helicopter to the location. The HH-60 arrived on the scene and spotted a life raft with one person on board. The survivor was recovered and taken to Kodiak, Alaska by the HH-60. Two deceased persons were recovered and three crewmen were missing. The fishing vessel Big Valley (a 92 foot crab boat) had capsized and sunk within minutes. There were 35 mph winds and 20' seas at the time the vessel capsized.

16 January	38.70° S 176.65° E	Aviation Aircraft	AUMCC	2 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsLake Taupo, North Island, New Zealand

Cospas-Sarsat provided

supporting data

Information received from RCC New Zealand - an aircraft beacon in a float plane on Lake Taupo was transmitting signals after it crashed and until it was turned off the following day by the department investigator. The small float plane was towed in but remained in the water upside down until they got two cranes to lift it out. The beacon was an "ACK Technology Incorporated - model E Zero One - serial No. 026539" that gave initial and resolved alerts on both 121.5 MHz and 243 MHz even though the accident investigator estimates the beacon was 4 ~ 5 feet underwater and inverted all the time. The pilot later died from injuries sustained in the crash.

16 January	35.10° N 018.03° E	Maritime Motor vessel (Korea)	ITMCC	10 / 10	406 MHz
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DetailsMalta SRR area

Cospas-Sarsat provided

no assistance

The motor vessel sank.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
16 January	38.83° N 025.58° E	Maritime Motor vessel (Korea)	ITMCC	Unk / Unk	406 MHz

Details

Greece SRR area
Shipwreck.

Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert

16 January	37.35° N 129.30° E	Maritime Cargo ship No. 303 Koriko (Korea)	KOMCC	7 / 4	406 MHz
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Details

Yellow Sea

Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The ship sank in high seas after drifting with engine trouble. The 4 POB were picked up by the Coast Guard patrol boat. 3 remain missing.

18 January	20.00° S 149.06° E	Maritime Dory	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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Details

Black Reef, Queensland, Australia

Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The initial emergency beacon was detected approximately 30 nm North of Hamilton Island in the Whitsunday Islands. Shortly after Whitsunday Water Police reported that pontoon staff at Sinker Reef (near Hardy Reef) had sighted two red flares to the East towards Black Reef. A second report was confirmed by the skipper of an anchored dive charter vessel Ocean Pro South of Black Reef who also provided positive radar contact 7 nm to Northwest. A helicopter from Townsville was tasked to home on the beacon and a second from Hamilton Island tasked to investigate the flare reports. Water Police reported they were unable to provide a surface rescue vessel and that the fishing vessel at the reef would be unlikely to move around the reef until first light. A subsequent satellite pass failed to detect the beacon and no aircraft were able to detect the signal. Later a police report indicated that a dory from the fishing vessel Bomar had experienced mechanical problems and activated his beacon at 1830 local time and fired 2 flares when dark enough to see them. He later resolved his problem and made his way back to the mother vessel who then alerted Police.

18 January	41.50° S 172.43° E	PLB Tramper	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

South Island, New Zealand

Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

RCC New Zealand at Wellington advised the beacon was activated to assist in locating a lost tramper.

A rescue helicopter had been tasked and recovered the person.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
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18 January	43.83° N 002.80° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Apar (Spain)	FMCC	11 / 11	406 MHz
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Details

France Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The fishing vessel Apar ran into trouble in heavy seas. There were 11 people on board, 1 was injured and rescued by helicopter. The Apar was taken in tow by the fishing vessel Bits.

19 January	20.10° N 072.83° E	Aviation Helicopter M/S Hindustan Ink (India)	INMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Vapi, India Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The aircraft crash landed.

19 January	39.32° N 073.96° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Chico-Bravo (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

30 nm East of Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
Lantarea RCC dispatched the CG cutter Ibis to the location and recovered two people from a life raft. Their fishing vessel, the Chico-Bravo sunk. The CGC was unable to retrieve the EPIRB or the life raft.

20 January	40.00° N 131.05° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Pioneer Naya (Korea)	KOMCC	18 / 4	406 MHz
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Details

Korean Bay Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The boat sank in high seas while navigating. 4 crew were rescued by another vessel in the area. 6 crew were found dead at the scene and the remaining 8 were missing. Also reported by the JAMCC.

21 January	10.33° S 142.25° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	6 / 6	121.5 MHz
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Details

Torres Strait Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
AUMCC detected activation of a 121.5 MHz distress beacon at approximately 10 nm North of Thursday Island, initial checks with Police indicated no known incidents. The beacon was merged but due to poor weather conditions no Customs ACV's or rotary wing assets were available. The Police launch Conroy was tasked to proceed to the distress position. With improvement in the weather VH-RHF was tasked to home on the beacon and assist the Police launch Conroy. The Conroy advised that 6 persons had been located on a Channel Island, where they had beached their runabout after running out of fuel. The Police launch Conroy towed the craft and its occupants back to Thursday Island.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
21 January	19.93° S 148.46° E	Maritime Pleasure craft Selemar	AUMCC	6 / 6	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsOffshore Bowen, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Satellite detection of a beacon approximately 100 nm Northeast of Bowen was followed by aircraft hearing reports in the area. Subsequent satellite detections placed the incident location closer to the coast before finally resolving about 15 nm to the Northeast of Bowen. A rescue helicopter at Townsville was tasked for homing but was unable to get airborne due to an intense thunderstorm activity in the area. A call was received from Reefcentre advising that the merchant vessel Pacific Condor was 6 nm to the East of the pleasure craft Selemar which was drifting. Subsequent communications with the Selemar found that the vessel had steering problems, and was drifting with 6 people onboard and had a beacon active. The captain reported that the vessel was not sinking, provided a GPS position and requested a tow. Bowen Volunteer Marine Rescue was dispatched to assist, and the rescue helicopter was stood down. The merchant vessel Pacific Condor was also released from its task. VMR Bowen reported that the vessel Selemar with 4 adults and 2 children onboard had been towed safely back to Bowen.

21 January	57.48° N 007.10° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Ocean Gain (UK)	UKMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsNorth Uist, Outer Hebrides, ScotlandCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Notification was received from Falmouth of the vessel taking on water. The vessel was instructed to activate its beacon. The vessel sank and two people were rescued from a life raft by the Coastguard Helicopter Rescue MU.

24 January	20.65° S 117.38° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5 MHz
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DetailsKarratha, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

AUMCC reported a 121.5 MHz signal in the vicinity of Karratha. Police Karratha were contacted, contact was also made with WA Police Airwing. Information from Police was that VH-DEP was taxiing for departure Karratha to conducting a search for an overdue dinghy with 3 persons on board. RCC Australia was unaware of this incident. Details of satellite detection were passed directly to the pilot as aircraft departed. VH-DEP reported to RCC advising that the target was located 26 nm East of Karratha and identified as a white dinghy with 3 occupants. EPIRB still active, Walcott search & rescue vessel underway to assist. Police Karratha contacted RCC to advise the vessel was under tow and all safe and secure.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
24 January	21.73° S 114.00° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz

DetailsNorth West Cape, Western AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Satellite detection of beacon in position 7 nm off North West Cape, WA. Police WA arranged for local Volunteer Marine Rescue from Exmouth to depart to the resolved position and await the rescue helicopter from Learmonth. Subsequent satellite pass was resolved to a position in Ningaloo Reef Marine Park and 6 nm from original beacon position. Helicopter arrived on scene established communications with the surface rescue vessel Northern Endeavour and commenced homing to the distress signal. A vessel displaying a red smoke flare was sighted by the helicopter which remained on scene until rescue effected. The vessel with two persons onboard had broken down then activated his beacon.

24 January	53.05° N 072.45° W	Aviation Helicopter C-FHGB	CMCC	6 / 4	121.5 MHz
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Detailsnear Nemiscau, CanadaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The helicopter crashed with 6 POB. CC-130 and CH-149 were tasked. Two local civilian helicopters were also enroute to the scene. POBs were recovered and taken to the airport at LaGrande.

28 January	40.65° S 148.08° E	Maritime Kayak	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsBanks StraitCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A satellite detection of a beacon in the Banks Strait area was followed by aircraft hearing reports. A night search capable helicopter was sourced from Hobart but was unavailable. SAR aircraft was tasked from Launceston for homing and possible visual acquisition prior to last light. VH-SAR was tasked from Moorabbin for further homing and FLIR search after dark, with the police vessel Van Dieman despatched from Flinders Island to act as a rescue asset. 30 minutes after the initial detection the beacon position was resolved to Banks Strait. An urgency broadcast was issued to shipping in the area. Several reports were received regarding a Mayday and being heard on Marine VHF channel 16. A reported sighting was received of debris and a red beacon at Van Diemen 18 nm away. VH-SAR identified a sea kayaker in the water, the fishing vessel Jaclyn was in the vicinity and responding to assist. The fishing vessel Jaclyn rescued the sea kayaker from the water, the POB was cold but suffered no injuries. The crew of the police vessel Van Diemen later transferred the sea kayaker onto their vessel and were transporting him back to the hospital on Lady Barron Island for a check up.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
28 January	45.08° S 168.95° E	Aviation Cessna 172 ZK-ENY	AUMCC	2 / 0	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsCromwell, South Island, New ZealandCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The initial alert was received by Cospas-Sarsat, first reports of aircraft receiving 121.5 MHz beacon transmissions came soon after. A helicopter was tasked to locate the source of the transmissions, and the wreckage of a light aircraft was found. Paramedics confirmed both occupants deceased.

28 January	14.41° N 060.96° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Nice Hope (Martinique)	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsFrench IndiesCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The engine on the fishing vessel Nice Hope brokedown and the vessel was taken into tow by another fishing vessel in the vicinity.

29 January	12.41° S 130.88° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	5 / 5	121.5 MHz
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DetailsApsley Strait, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Aircraft detection of a beacon was followed by a satellite detection in the Bathurst Island area. The police air wing aircraft was tasked for homing and refined the position to Apsley Strait about 2 nm from Paru village. A police vessel was tasked to assist and located a local dinghy with 5 persons apparently intoxicated onboard. The vessel was at anchor after running out of fuel, not wanting to stay out over night the beacon was activated. The dinghy was towed back to the township by the police vessel. Police are dealing with the occupants.

29 January	15.48° S 145.33° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsWalker BayCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

High level aircraft detected beacon in the Cairns area. Subsequent satellite report placed beacon in the Cooktown area. A transitting helicopter localised the beacon to Walker Bay. A rescue helicopter located a disabled dinghy with one person on board. A second boat was sourced to assist the dinghy. The second vessel took the disabled dinghy under tow and returned back to Cooktown.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
29 January	43.60° S 170.15° E	PLB Climber	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz

DetailsSouth Island, New ZealandCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A solo climber ascended Mount Cook on the 28 January. On evening of 29 January, at an altitude of 3,300 metres, the climber fell 5 metres to a rock ledge, which stopped him falling a further 1500 metres. The climber activated his GME EPIRB MT310 beacon. The initial detection received at RCC NZ and a helicopter sighted the climber on the ledge. The climber was rescued, his only injury was a broken ankle.

30 January	45.03° S 162.38° E	PLB Bushwalker	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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DetailsNew ZealandCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

RCC NZ advised that a beacon was activated by a bushwalker who had suffered a minor injury in the National Park. Rescue effected.

31 January	42.30° N 133.66° E	Maritime Vessel Kafor (Russia)	CMC	18 / 18	406 MHz
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DetailsSouth Japan SeaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The Russian vessel Kafor sank for unknown reasons. All 18 crewmembers were rescued in the search and rescue operation.

31 January	60.31° N 024.26° E	Aviation Cessna 208	NMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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DetailsFinlandCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The plane crashed on an airfield in Finland. The 1 POB was saved from the wreckage.

02 February	23.18° S 150.96° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	7 / 7	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsGreat Keppel Island, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The Brisbane ATC were advised of aircraft detecting a distress beacon on 121.5 MHz around the Rockhampton area. A rescue helicopter was tasked to home and winch if a rescue could be effected prior to last light. Volunteer Marine Rescue at Yeppoon was also tasked as a possible night rescue platform. A subsequent satellite pass located the beacon to near Great Keppel Island. Rockhampton Police also forwarded a report of a Great Keppel Island resident sighting 2 red flares. The RCC contacted Contiki Resort on Great Keppel Island who mobilised a vessel to assist. The helicopter located a speedboat approximately 2 nm South of Great Keppel Island with 7 people on board who appeared to be bailing. The rescue vessel towed the speedboat back to Great Keppel.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
02 February	38.61° S 176.28° E	Aviation PA34 aircraft	AUMCC	2 / 0	121.5/243 MHz

Details

Mount Tauhara, North Island, New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
121.5/243 MHz Cospas-Sarsat beacon detection was initially given locations in North Island of New Zealand. RCC New Zealand reported a light twin engine aircraft made its final approach into Taupo, but was lost from radar. An ELT was activated and later reports indicated the aircraft had crashed into Mount Tauhara. The 2 occupants died.

02 February	38.78° S 147.71° E	Maritime Yacht Rons Endeavour (USA)	AUMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Bass Strait, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Melbourne Water Police were advise of a yacht dismasted with an unserviceable engine 34 nm offshore in Bass Strait with one Canadian on board. Initial information was limited and aircraft and SOLAS vessel response platforms were sourced in support of the Water Police. The merchant vessel Iron Chieftain, transiting Southwest of the position was initially diverted pending further information. The yacht subsequently confirmed it was not in distress but would await a tow during daylight and when weather abated. The weather was extremely poor with gale force winds. Iron Chieftain was released. Due to the proximity to the shipping lane and the low profile of the yacht with limited lighting and no radar reflector a broadcast was issued by Melbourne Radio. The yacht's 406 MHz beacon, was apparently registered in Canada and occupant confirmed he would activate it if the situation deteriorated. During the following morning Melbourne Water Police subsequently advised that the skipper wanted to abandon his yacht and a police helicopter was tasked and successfully completed the rescue. The yachtsman subsequently activated the 'USA registered' 406 MHz beacon aboard the abandoned vessel for a possible re-location and salvage. The USMCC was notified of the incident and earlier successful rescue.

02 February	27.60° N 139.76° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Aurellia (Malta)	JAMCC	22 / 16	406 MHz
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Details

472 nm 202° off Nojima-Saki, Japan Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The JCG conducted the rescue operation jointed with Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and rescued 16 crew, but 6 crew were missing. The EPIRB was picked up by the SAR unit.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
02 February	31.32° N 064.27° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Emilien II (USA)	USMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
Details					
<u>50 nm Southeast of Bermuda</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>only alert</u>		
MRCC Bermuda diverted the merchant vessel Yeoman brook to the area and contacted the Lanterea RCC in Portsmouth, Virginia for assistance. The Coast Guard diverted a C-130 aircraft to the area to assist in locating the source of the distress signal. The C-130 aircraft and the merchant vessel Yeoman brook both arrived on scene, located debris and a life raft with four people on board. The crew of the Emilien II had abandoned ship into a life raft when the vessel began to sink. The Yeoman Brook recovered the four people and their 406 MHz EPIRB from the raft. All four were recovered in good condition.					
05 February	31.55° N 030.20° E	Maritime Tanker (Malta)	ALMCC	Unk / 5	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Mediterranean Sea</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>only alert</u>		
the merchant tanker was sinking. No further details. Also reported by the ITMCC.					
06 February	39.70° S 149.41° E	Maritime Yacht Yatra	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5/243 MHz
Details					
<u>Eastern Bass Strait, Australia</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>		
The initial dual frequency detection of the beacon was by satellite. Subsequent checks with the Tasmanian Police indicated that the beacon was probably linked to a disabled yacht approx 60 nm Northeast of Babel Island. Further information from Tasmanian Police SAR indicated that the yacht Yatra with three persons onboard including a pregnant lady, was without power and steerage. The yacht Game Set, which was acting as communications relay, was standing close-by Yatra to assist the vessel if necessary. The Tasmanian Police were unable to source suitable vessel to proceed to take the yacht Yatra undertow. At 060827UTC yacht Aphrodite proceeding to Yatra to allow Gameset to continue onward voyage. Upon assistance from yacht Aphrodite, the Yatra successfully managed to jury-rig a rudder and regain power, commencing passage towards Lady Barron. At 071019UTC Tasmanian Police inform RCC that Yatra has safely returned to Lady Barron.					
07 February	63.03° N 004.93° W	Maritime Vessel Jokulfel (UK)	NMCC	11 / 5	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Norwegian Sea</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>		
The vessel Jokulfel capsized.					

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
08 February	42.30° N 035.78° E	Maritime Motor vessel (Georgia)	ITMCC	11 / 7	

DetailsTurkey SRR area

Cospas-Sarsat provided

supporting data

Ship sunk.

09 February	20.08° S 145.91° E	Aviation Helicopter VH-WFP	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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DetailsMilray Station, Queensland, Australia

Cospas-Sarsat provided

supporting data

Aircraft reported receiving an ELT signal. An investigation deduced that a helicopter had failed to arrive to refuel while mustering at Milray Station. A rescue helicopter was tasked from Cairns. The manager at Milray Station was tasked to proceed in an aircraft to the mustering area on Milray Station, and located the missing helicopter which had crashed, and directed the rescue helicopter to the scene. The pilot of the crashed helicopter was transported to Townsville hospital for observation.

09 February	22.41° S 119.61° E	PLB Vehicle	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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Details2 nm Northwest of Bamboo Springs, Western Australia

Cospas-Sarsat provided

first alert

A Cospas-Sarsat distress beacon was detected in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. A search and rescue aircraft from Broome Aviation was tasked to home and investigate. The signal was homed to a position near Bamboo Springs station where the crew could see a spotlight flashing. The manager from Bamboo Springs station drove to the position and recovered a man who was lost but uninjured and whose vehicle had two flat tyres.

09 February	42.78° N 069.70° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Hollywood (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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Details40 nm East Northeast of Cape Ann, Massachusetts, USA

Cospas-Sarsat provided

only alert

The Coast Guard Group Boston diverted an HH-60 helicopter to assist the fishing vessel Hollywood that was taking on water. The three POB abandoned the vessel into a life raft. The Coast Guard HH-60 arrived on the scene and hoisted the three people from the raft and transported them to Gloucester, Massachusetts in good condition.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
10 February	33.38° N 076.58° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Anabelle (USA)	USMCC	2 / 1	406 MHz

Details

63 nm Southeast of Cape Fear River, North Carolina, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
Lanterra RCC received a 406 MHz alert when the EPIRB on board the sailing vessel Anabelle was manually activated because the vessel was taking on water. A Coast Guard helicopter arrived on scene and saw a man jump from Anabelle with a dog. The man and the dog were hoisted into the helicopter. Once in the helicopter the man told the CG and the Anabelle had been taking on approximately two inches of water every six hours during the last three days and he felt that it was unsafe to stay aboard. The Coast Guard dropped a VHF-FM radio to the Anabelle to establish communications, but the captain onboard did not respond. Every time the Coast Guard helicopter crew tried to assist the man onboard, he would just signal the helicopter to go away. The vessel had travelled from the Florida Keys and was en-route to Brooklyn, New York.

11 February	33.38° S 150.67° E	PLB Person	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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Details

Richmond, New South Wales, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
An initial dual frequency Cospas-Sarsat detection was subsequently heard by military aircraft operating Northwest of RAAF Richmond. An aircraft was able to home at night on the beacon to a position 10 nm Northwest of the field and observed a flashing SOS by torchlight. A police helicopter was tasked to investigate but was unable to reach the source due to bad weather conditions. The police ground party was unwilling to proceed due to the adverse weather conditions and rough escarpment terrain. A medical rescue helicopter was tasked for a first light departure into the search area. In the morning the helicopter tracked direct to the Cospas-Sarsat position and airlifted one patient with a severely cut hand. The ground crews were stood down. Information later received was that a group had been riding 'lilo's' down the river, when a female member of the group carrying groceries in a bag had tripped, severely cutting her hand on a bottle and had lost a lot of blood.

12 February	21.66° S 115.11° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz
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Details

Onslow, Western Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Aircraft reports were received of a 121.5 MHz emergency beacon signal in Onslow area, Western Australia. The initial Cospas-Sarsat detection was 22 nm North of Onslow over the water. Police were requested to arrange a surface rescue vessel and an aircraft was tasked to home on beacon. The search aircraft located a disabled vessel with four persons onboard drifting 6 nm North of Thevenard Island. The vessel Total Venture was tasked to proceed and towed the disabled vessel to Thevenard Island Resort.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
13 February	30.31° S 153.11° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsCoffs Harbour, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Aircraft detection of beacon and a subsequent satellite pass localised the beacon to the East coast, in the vicinity of Nambucca Heads. Sydney Water Police were advised of the incident in area, with a police launch from Coffs Harbour and volunteer vessel from Nambucca Heads responding. Small craft with a flat battery was located and the beacon deactivated. The vessel was taken in tow to safety by the police launch.

13 February	45.46° S 165.31° E	PLB Person	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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DetailsFjordland, New ZealandCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A solo hiker had injured his shoulder in a fall whilst walking the Dusky Track in Fiordland. Another party arrived at the hut where the man was staying and activated their PLB. The initial alert was received by the RCC. A helicopter airlifted the injured hiker to a nearby medical centre.

14 February	17.60° S 071.93° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Juan Polo II (Peru)	PEMCC	8 / 8	406 MHz
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Details28 nm off Port Ilo, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The fishing boat Juan Polo II suffered mechanical problems and was towed back to port by the fishing vessel Silmi I.

16 February	12.36° S 171.33° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Tautai II, Coureur de Bois, Samoan Boy	AUMCC	18 / 16	406 MHz
			(New Zealand, Samoa, USA)		

DetailsSamoaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The fishing vessel Tautai II, collided with the Coureur de Bois & the Somoan Bay vessels in a severe cyclone. The 16 crew were rescued, 2 missing.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
17 February	70.00° N 159.33° W	PLB Snowmobile (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details93 nm Southwest of Barrow, Alaska.Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert

A hunter on a snowmobile broke down in white out conditions and was unable to make repairs. He manually activated his 406 MHz PLB for assistance. The North Slope borough RCC received the Cospas-Sarsat alert from the Alaska State Troopers and launched a fixed wing Falcom aircraft because their helicopter was out of service. The fixed wing aircraft located the hunter and the North Slope RCC contacted the volunteer search and rescue agency in Wainwright, Alaska. The volunteer SAR group launched a helicopter and sent out two men on snowmobiles to the hunter's position. The hunter was located three hours after he activated his 406 MHz PLB and was transported to Wainwright by the volunteer SAR group.

18 February	10.58° S 142.28° E	Maritime Runabout vessel TDU 040 TDU 040	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsHorn Island, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Aircraft reported hearing a beacon in the Torres Strait. A coastwatch aircraft was diverted in flight to home on the signal and located a small open runabout with 2 adults and 2 children onboard. The runabout was displaying a V sheet distress signal and was seen to be at anchor and not in danger of sinking. Coordination was transferred to the Queensland Water Police at Thursday Island who tasked the local volunteer marine rescue unit. The distressed vessel was disabled due to mechanical failure. The vessel was then towed to safety.

18 February	33.05° S 152.11° E	Maritime Yacht Maria Suakola	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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Details20 nm East of Newcastle, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

RCC received an initial detection of a 121.5 MHz beacon with 'A' position 20 nm East of Newcastle. 30 minutes later, Sydney Water Police reported a call indicating that a vessel reported a collision off Newcastle with the merchant vessel Goa/VTST. The police had called out the Newcastle and Port Stephens Water Police and launched a rescue helicopter. The helicopter located a 18-m sailing vessel dismasted but otherwise intact with 2 occupants, both uninjured. Communication was established after a hand held radio had been lowered. The police launch Nemesis towed the yacht to Newcastle. An investigations into the collision was underway.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
18 February	19.23° N 113.41° E	Maritime Cargo vessel She Hai No. 308 (China)	CNMCC	23 / 16	406 MHz

DetailsSouth China SeaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The vessel Zhe Hai No. 308 capsized in Level 11 winds. Only 16 of the 23 crew were saved by the Chinese safety vessel in the vicinity. The others remain missing.

18 February	54.30° N 010.01° W	Maritime Pleasure vessel Rhonda (UK)	UKMCC	2 / 1	406 MHz
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DetailsMalinhead, UKCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Man overboard in the Mullinhead, this was an known incident that MRCC Dublin were already dealing with. 1 person was rescued, 1 body was recovered the next day.

19 February	59.53° N 005.58° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Norlan (UK)	UKMCC	8 / 8	406 MHz
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DetailsNorth of Stornoway, ScotlandCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The fishing vessel Norlan was taking on water, but with no immediate danger. The 8 POB were lifted from the vessel.

20 February	09.88° S 142.31° E	Maritime Two small craft	AUMCC	15 / 15	121.5 MHz
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DetailsTorres Strait, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

AusSAR received aircraft reports of a beacon signal in Torres Strait area. The initial Cospas-Sarsat detection received gave a position of 12 nm East Southeast of Saibai Island. An airborne coastwatch aircraft was diverted and located two small vessels in company, with 6 and 9 persons onboard respectively, waving fuel cans. The fishing vessel Shogun was approximately 2 nm away but could not be raised by VHF or satellite phone. Nor were there any vessels identified to assist from Saibai or Dauan Islands. A helicopter was briefed for launch to proceed to the area to assist the personnel. After numerous attempts to contact the fishing vessel Shogun and radio calls on VHF, Shogun replied and proceeded to assist. The fishing vessel Shogun took both dinghies in tow and returned them to Saibai Island. The dinghies had been disabled since Saturday 19 February, it is unknown when they turned on their distress beacon.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
21 February	33.58° S 155.43° E	Aviation Helicopter	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz

Details

Bay of Plenty, New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A helicopter conducting an agricultural spraying at Opotiki, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand crashed. The pilot survived.

21 February	34.96° N 121.56° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Yin He (China)	CNMCC	12 / 6	406 MHz
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Details

Yellow Sea Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The cargo vessel Yin He sunk after taking on water in Level 11 winds. Only 6 of the 12 crew were saved by the Chinese safety vessel in the vicinity, the other 6 crew remain missing.

21 February	38.73° N 013.18° E	Maritime Motor vessel (Panama)	ITMCC	9 / 9	406 MHz
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Details

Italian SRR area Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The motor vessel was stranded.

22 February	35.11° S 136.76° E	Maritime Small vessel	AUMCC	3 / 0	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Port Lincoln, South Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

A satellite alert received in the Spencer Gulf, South Australia was followed by aircraft reports of a beacon. A fixed wing aircraft with homer was tasked from Port Lincoln and an urgency broadcast was issued. Information was received from the SA Police regarding a 24' aluminium vessel that had sunk near Middle Island and the three occupants had swam ashore to safety and activated their beacon. Further information from SA Police clarified that the vessel had ran out of fuel and the occupants had anchored the vessel and swam ashore. The anchor rope had snapped and vessel was washed up onto some rocks. All persons were reported as safe and awaiting a lift from a relative.

22 February	62.46° S 059.65° W	Maritime Yacht Darwin's Passage (USA)	CHMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
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Details

Antarctic Peninsula Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The yacht Darwin's Passage was beached on it's journey from Puerto Williams to the Antarctic. The yacht Darwin's Passage was able to continue it's journey after receiving assistance from a tourist ship.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
22 February	43.88° N 006.95° W	PLB Fishing vessel Siempre Casina (Spain)	SPMCC	9 / 1	406 MHz

DetailsLugo, SpainCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The fishing vessel capsized and semi-sunk in heavy seas. Only one POB reached a life raft. The other 8 were asleep inside the vessel and died. The vessel bow remained out of water resulting in the inactivation of the beacon for the first 3 hours of the alert.

23 February	14.40° N 061.35° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Adkrys (Martinique)	FMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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DetailsFrench IndiesCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The fishing vessel Adkrys suffered broken engine and was taken in tow by SNS146.

25 February	12.73° S 145.80° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Coral Sea	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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DetailsCoral Sea, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Cospas-Sarsat detected a signal in the Coral Sea. Search aircraft were tasked to investigate the source of the signal. The aircraft located the 15-m fishing vessel Robbie J with two POB. The vessel had an overheated engine. The SAR crew dropped a radio, SAR datum buoy and spare batteries. Communications with the fishing vessels crew was established, who requested a tow be arranged by their mother company. The tow was arranged out of Cairns, by fishing vessel Androse and the beacon was switched off. Two days later a further satellite detection was made in the same vicinity in the Coral Sea. A further tasking of the SAR aircraft located the drifting fishing vessel Robbie J. Only local radio communication availability was possible with the aircraft. The crew requested information regarding the whereabouts of the tow vessel. Due to weather conditions the fishing vessel Ambrose was not due to reach the Robbie J for another 8 hours. Satisfied that a response/tow was still proceeding the beacon was switched off. The Ambrose subsequently towed Robbie J to safety some days later.

25 February	27.18° S 153.40° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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DetailsGnoorganbin, Moreton Island, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Aircraft detected a distress beacon signal between Bribie Island and Maroochydore areas. A rescue helicopter was tasked for homing. An airborne coastwatch aircraft was also tasked to assist and subsequently located a run-about with possible motor problems anchored, with one occupant, onboard. The RCC requested Brisbane Water Police to arrange a tow, which was conducted by local volunteers back to Amity Point.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
26 February	25.80° N 121.48° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Hai Long No. 1 (Chin. Taipei)	CNMCC	8 / 8	406 MHz

DetailsEast China SeaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The cargo vessel Hai Long No.1 became stranded in Level 11 winds. All eight crew members were saved by a Chinese Safety Vessel in the vicinity.

26 February	29.98° N 134.11° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Big Glory	JAMCC	1 / 0	121.5 MHz
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Details200 nm South of Muroto-Misaki, JapanCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The JAMCC received a 121.5 MHz alert from Big Glory and ascertained their was only 1 POB. The JCG made every effort to search and rescue him from the scene, both by patrol vessel and aircraft, but could not find him. The JCG suspended the SAR action until further information was received.

26 February	25.75° N 121.33° E	Maritime Fishing vessel (Chinese Taipei)	TAMCC	8 / 1	406 MHz
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Details30 nm North of San-jih township, Taipei.Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The Taiwan RCC launched a helicopter and a coast patrol vessel to the scene. One crewmember were rescued and 6 died. One was missing.

27 February	16.88° S 145.75° E	Maritime Dinghy	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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DetailsCairns, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

A distress beacon signal was heard by aircraft departing and overflying Cairns. A rescue helicopter was tasked to locate the distress beacon. Cairns Water Police advised that two people were believed to be overboard from their dinghy near Double Island. AUMCC detected the distress beacon and gave a resolved position within 1.5 nm of Double Island. The helicopter located the two people in the water and some debris, and directed a rescue vessel to the location. Police recovered the persons and the dinghy. The beacon was turned off.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
27 February	25.82° N 079.55° W	Maritime Vessel Lunar Too (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz

Details35 nm East of Miami, Florida, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

Coast Guard District Seven received the 406 MHz alert message from an EPIRB that was rented to the vessel Lunar Too by the Boat/US foundation. The EPIRB was manually activated when the vessel became disabled and encountered heavy weather. Coast Guard District Seven launched an Operations Bahamas helicopter and a Coast Guard cutter from the Miami Sector to assist. When the Coast guard assets arrived on scene, the crew of the Lunar Too agreed to accept commercial salvage. Seatow, a commercial salvage company, towed the Lunar Too to port.

28 February	10.65° S 166.03° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Breanna Lynn (USA)	AUMCC	7 / 7	406 MHz
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DetailsCook IslandsCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

RCC NZ received the initial detection with follow-up information from the US Coast Guard that the fishing vessel Breanna Lynn was operating in American Samoa and was last heard from 26 February. The vessel last reported that weather was bad and was attempting to outrun the storm. RCCNZ report the vessel had been located by NZAF P3 aircraft and all 7 POB were safe, but the vessel was damaged. A vessel in the area was diverted to assist, subsequently a rescue and assistance was provided to the crew.

28 February	46.45° N 032.51° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Sirius (Russia)	CMC	14 / 14	406 MHz
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DetailsBlack SeaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The cargo vessel Sirius ran aground in a strong storm. All 13 crewmen and 1 passenger were rescued and transported to shore.

28 February	50.05° N 125.26° W	Aviation Beaver aircraft CG-AQW	CMCC	5 / 0	
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DetailsNorth Pacific Ocean off the coast of Vancouver IslandCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

MJM Air reported a beaver aircraft on floats with 5 POB was overdue on a trip from Campbell river, B.C. One body was recovered near Rebecca spit.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
02 March	70.40° N 154.98° W	PLB Snowmobile (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details51 nm East of Barrow, AlaskaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

A hunter on a broken down snowmobile manually activated his 406 MHz PLB for assistance. The Alaska State Troopers received the Cospas-Sarsat alert and forwarded it to the North Slope Borough RCC in Barrow, Alaska. North Slope RCC launched an aircraft to the area to see if the hunter required medical attention. The hunter was experiencing mechanical problems with his snowmobile and did not require medical attention. The North Slope RCC sent two snowmobilers to rescue the man. He was located and taken back to Barrow.

05 March	60.38° N 007.55° E	Aviation Helicopter	NMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz
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DetailsNorwayCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The helicopter crashed on landing.

10 March	27.12° N 079.84° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Me-Ter-Mo (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details13 nm East of Ft. Pierce, Florida, USACospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Coast Guard District 7 RCC was already working this case because they had been notified that the vessel was overdue. CGD7 RCC launched a helicopter and small boat to the site. They located the sailing vessel Me-Ter-Mo. The person on board was disoriented and had been underway for three days. The CG small boat towed the vessel into port.

14 March	79.08° N 014.71° E	PLB Tourists	NMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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DetailsNorwegian SeaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

2 ski tourist were rescued by helicopter suffering from freezing injuries.

24 March	10.61° N 017.01° W	Maritime Merchant vessel Fleet Trader (Hong Kong)	SPMCC	19 / 18	406 MHz
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DetailsGuinea Bissau CoastCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Reason for distress is unknown. One crewmember was dead and the remaining two injured. A towing ship was diverted to the position.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
25 March	60.01° N 029.43° E	Maritime Pilot cutter Alexander Baskin (Russia)	CMC	2 / 2	406 MHz

DetailsGulf of FinlandCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The pilot cutter Alexander Baskin, sank because it suffered damage to its body from compression by ice. The crew of 2 were rescued by the Russian vessel svp Puma.

26 March	53.78° N 131.48° W	Maritime Vessel Elling K	CMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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DetailsNorth Pacific OceanCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The vessel was taking on water in heavy seas. The engine room flooded and the vessel lost communications, the 3 POB evacuated into dinghies. The 3 POB were picked up and the vessel was towed to Queen Charlotte city by the Coast Guard.

26 March	34.70° N 129.10° E	Maritime Fishing boat Woo Jin (Korea)	KOMCC	14 / 13	406 MHz
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DetailsYellow SeaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The old boat was badly rusted, which caused the boat to leak and sink. The 13 POB were picked up by another vessel in the area and the remaining 1 POB was missing.

30 March	33.95° N 128.20° E	Maritime Fishing vessel No. 33 Haebum (Korea)	KOMCC	6 / 4	406 MHz
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DetailsYellow SeaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The boat sank due to high seas while navigating. 4 crew were rescued by another vessel near the accident site and the remaining 2 were missing. Also reported by the JAMCC.

31 March	37.60° N 023.80° E	Maritime Motor vessel (Singapore)	ITMCC	24 / 24	406 MHz
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DetailsGreece SRR areaCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

Fire explosion on board.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
31 March	42.21° N 028.93° E	Maritime Motor vessel (Cambodia)	ITMCC	Unk / Unk	406 MHz

DetailsTurkey SRR areaCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

Fire on board.

02 April	35.66° N 105.15° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsNew MexicoCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The Cospas-Sarsat System detected a 121.5 MHz signal near Las Vegas. An aircraft crashed at the Las Vegas Municipal Airport. The pilot was assisted by Emergency Services.

02 April	41.74° N 122.55° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsNear Yreka, California, USACospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

Upon takeoff, the aircraft experienced engine problems and clipped a metal hangar and came to rest in the dirt.

03 April	16.63° S 073.58° W	Maritime Maritime vessel Rimac 9 (Peru)	PEMCC	16 / 16	406 MHz
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Details20 miles from Punta Atico, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The vessel Rimac 9 sank for unknown reasons. All 16 crew were rescued and transported to Punta Atico by the fishing vessel Braco 4.

03 April	56.83° N 006.26° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Aquila (UK)	UKMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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DetailsTobermory, Mull, ScotlandCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The fishing vessel Aquila sank the 3 POB were rescued by the Stormoway Coastguard helicopter G-BIMU. The beacon was switched off.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
04 April	19.78° S 148.96° E	Maritime Dory	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsWhitsundays, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Satellite detected a beacon to the North of Hamilton Island, followed by aircraft hearing reports. An aircraft and rescue helicopter were tasked for homing and located a Dory from the mother fishing vessel Vana. The fishing vessel Vana was successfully directed to retrieve dory.

04 April	20.25° N 108.53° E	Maritime Cargo vessel De Cheng No.12 (Chinese Taipei)	CNMCC	10 / 10	406 MHz
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DetailsSouth China SeaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The cargo vessel De Ching No.12 sunk after catching fire. All ten crew members were saved by a Chinese safety vessel in the vicinity.

04 April	34.91° N 139.30° E	Maritime Chemical Tanker Tsubasa (Japan)	JAMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
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Details7.6 nm North Northwest of Izu-Oshima, JapanCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The JAMCC received 406 MHz alerts transmitted from the chemical tanker Tsubasa. The JCG dispatched some patrol vessels and aircrafts to the detected position at once. As a result, the JCG rescued all of the 4 crew members who were drifting around the scene of distress after escaping from the capsized and sunken vessel.

05 April	34.60° N 008.30° E	PLB Motorbike (France)	FMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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DetailsTunisiaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The biker fell in the Rally Tunisia 2005.

06 April	35.56° S 137.51° E	Maritime Runabout VZ86S	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsKangaroo Island, South AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The initial beacon distress reports came from aircraft and subsequently a satellite detection of a beacon off Kangaroo Island. A rescue helicopter and volunteer marine rescue unit were tasked and located two occupants in a broken down 4 metre runabout, drifting 1 nm off shore. The vessel was towed to safety.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
08 April	12.30° S 142.43° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Dory Auriga	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz

Details

Forbes Islands, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The satellite detected an alert Northeast of Lockhart River, Queensland. A report on channel 16 from the fishing vessel Auriga confirmed a missing dory with one POB. A rescue helicopter was tasked and located the dory, then directed the Auriga to the position to recover the missing doryman.

09 April	35.06° S 116.46° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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Details

Walpole, Western Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
RCC notified by Volunteer Marine Rescue Unit at Tuggerah Lakes (NSW) that they had received a channel 88 call (via skip) from a broken down runabout off Walpole. The vessel had an active beacon which was subsequently detected by satellite. Fremantle Water Police were contacted and accepted further co-ordination. The rescue helicopter winched two occupants to safety.

09 April	42.45° N 007.60° E	Maritime Sailing vessel Manitou (Canada)	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

France Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The vessel demasted in the race. One POB was rescued by helicopter.

09 April	27.43° N 082.92° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Sea Drive (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Florida, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The operator of the fishing vessel Sea Drive manually activated their 406 MHz EPIRB when they lost the location of one of their divers in the water. CGD7 RCC launched a HH-60 helicopter and a Coast Guard utility boat to the area. The utility boat arrived on scene and spotted a strobe light 9 nm Southwest of Tampa Bay, Florida. The diver was found safe without any injuries and returned to his vessel. The Coast Guard helicopter was stood down before arriving on scene.

10 April	09.76° S 142.50° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	7 / 7	121.5 MHz
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Details

Torres Strait, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Satellite detection of beacon in the Torres Strait. A rescue helicopter located 7 persons who had run out of fuel whilst enroute from Daru to Yam Isalnd on the uninhabited Gabba Island. A local asset from Yam Island was tasked to recover the people to safety.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
10 April	31.11° N 145.31° E	Maritime Towing vessel Seatransport No. 5 (Thailand)	JAMCC	6 / 6	406 MHz

Details

58 nm North Northwest of Kume-Sima, Japan Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The JAMCC received 406 MHz alerts transmitted from the towing vessel Seatransport No. 5. The JCG dispatched a patrol vessel and aircraft to the detected position and located her. The JCG patrol vessel guarded her since they found her drifting due to engine trouble. The vessel repaired her engine trouble and the patrol vessel continued normal operation.

10 April	41.22° N 072.57° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Blue Mingo (USA)	USMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
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Long Island Sound, New York, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The owner/operator of the sailing vessel Blue Mingo manually activated their 406 MHz EPIRB due to an engine fire aboard the vessel. CGD1 RCC received the Cospas-Sarsat alert, obtained the vessel owner's cell phone number from the 406 registration data and called him. He told the coast Guard that the crew had managed to put the fire out, but they were without power. The Coast Guard launched a 41-foot utility boat which located the disabled vessel in the vicinity of Faulkner Island in Long Island Sound, NY. The utility boat towed the vessel into port at Branford Harbor, CT.

12 April	46.20° N 005.30° E	Aviation Helicopter Hugues500 F-GMID	FMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

France Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The helicopter crashed after a mechanical problem. There were no injuries sustained but the helicopter was a right off.

13 April	43.55° S 146.46° E	PLB Bushwalker	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Havelock Bluff, Tasmania Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
A distress beacon from the Bathurst Harbour area of South Tasmania was detected by satellite. A rescue helicopter was tasked and located an injured bushwalker. The bushwalker was taken to Royal Hobart Hospital.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
14 April	11.01° S 077.81° W	Maritime Vessel Milagro 6 (Peru)	PEMCC	12 / 12	406 MHz

Details9 miles off Punta Vegueta, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The vessel sank for unknown reasons. The 12 crew members were rescued by the fishing boat Joselito 4 and taken to the Port of Huacho.

15 April	28.41° N 081.84° W	Aviation PA-28 aircraft	USMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsWest of Seminole Lake Glider Port, Florida, USACospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The AFRCC opened a mission with the Florida CAP who located a crashed PA-28 aircraft. The pilot was subsequently rescued.

15 April	36.76° N 096.06° W	Aviation Bonanza aircraft N8396D	USMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details50 nm East Southeast of Ponca City, Oklahoma, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

A Bonanza aircraft, N8396D, crashed. The Civil Air Patrol responded and rescued 1 individual.

16 April	35.10° S 139.05° E	Aviation Ultralight aircraft Glassair VH-FRQ	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsCallington, South AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A beacon alert was detected by satellite South East of Adelaide. A rescue helicopter was tasked and located a crashed ultralight Glassair aircraft in the Callington area (25 nm Southeast of Adelaide). Emergency ground services were also in attendance. The pilot was taken to hospital via road ambulance.

16 April	10.58° S 078.46° W	Maritime Vessel Rosa Maria 6 (Peru)	PEMCC	10 / 10	406 MHz
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Details47 miles off Puerto Supe, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The vessel sank for unknown reasons. All 10 crew were rescued and taken to the Port of Huacho by the fishing vessel Tasa 33.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
17 April	44.13° S 169.68° E	PLB Tramper	AUMCC	1 / 0	121.5 MHz

DetailsNew Zealand SRRCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The beacon was activated by a tramper in the New Zealand highlands after having fallen down a crevice. Unfortunately the tramper died.

17 April	10.86° S 078.40° W	Maritime Vessel Jonica (Peru)	PEMCC	17 / 17	406 MHz
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Details40 miles off Puerto Supe, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The vessel sank with 17 crew on board. The crew were rescued by the fishing vessel Boat Caripe and taken to Port Supe.

17 April	12.51° S 076.91° W	Maritime Vessel Coasta Dorada (Peru)	PEMCC	15 / 15	406 MHz
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Details30 miles off Puerto Callao, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The vessel sank and the crew were rescued by the fishing vessel Golden Eagle.

19 April	19.00° S 148.10° E	Maritime Fishing vessel dory Billy Sea	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsOff Townsville, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

A coastwatch aircraft reported hearing a beacon whilst on patrol 80 nm East of Townsville. The crew conducted a homing and located a dory from fishing vessel The Billy Sea. The dory was recovered by the mother ship.

19 April	11.25° S 078.08° W	Maritime Vessel Jessica (Peru)	PEMCC	10 / 10	406 MHz
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Details30 miles off Puerto Huacho, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The vessel sank with 10 crew on board. All crew members were rescued by the fishing vessel Niña and safely transported to the Port of Huacho.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
20 April	12.81° S 144.16° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Dory Auriga	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz

DetailsPortland roads, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

An initial Beacon detection came from the vicinity of Portland Roads, North Queensland. Qld Fishing and Supply vessel Emu Bay identified locally at that position and requested to assist as surface asset whilst the helicopter and Fixed wing assets were tasked from Cairns. Emu Bay quickly established that the Long Line Fishing Vessel Auriga had at that time an overdue fishing dory with 1 occupant (second time this month). Emu Bay also sighted a red flare to the Northeast, and located the missing dory. It had run out of fuel. The dory and occupant was recovered by the mother vessel.

20 April	35.65° N 120.47° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsNear Paso Robles, California, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

An aircraft crashed near the airfield. San Luis Obispo County Sheriff personnel provided assistance to the 2 people onboard the aircraft.

21 April	40.21° N 013.43° E	Maritime Sailing boat (USA)	ITMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsItalian SAR areaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Shipwrecked.

22 April	43.25° S 169.16° S	PLB Person	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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DetailsNew ZealandCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The RCC NZ advised that a woman had been kicked by a horse and was suffering a compound fracture to the leg. The beacon was activated and her companion rode for 2 hours to get assistance. A rescue helicopter airlifted the woman to hospital.

23 April	19.01° S 170.45° W	Maritime Fishing vessels Sea Angel / Ask	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsNew Zealand SRRCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

RCC Wellington reported that 2 fishing vessels were disabled in cyclonic weather and adrift West of the Pacific Island of Niue. An NZRAF Orion was tasked to investigate and located the two fishing vessels in company with an assisting third merchant vessel Vladivostok. All occupants OK.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
23 April	44.51° N 004.46° E	Aviation R300 aircraft D-EZWF	FMCC	2 / 0	121.5/243 MHz

Details

France Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The aircraft crashed. There was loss of radio and radar contact in IFR and reception of 121.5 MHz beacon. An immediate SAR was organised but the 2 POB were dead.

23 April	56.01° N 135.24° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Tania Dee (Puerto Rico)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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30nm West of Cape Ommaney, Alaska, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
Juneau RCC launched an HH-60J helicopter and passed beacon updates as the helicopter was en-route. The helicopter recovered 2 persons.

24 April	14.93° S 133.96° E	PLB Vehicle	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Roper Valley, Northern Territory, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
A beacon was detected approximately 100km East of Mataranka and confirmed by aircraft hearing reports. A SAR aircraft from Darwin was tasked and NT police advised of a single motor vehicle on the remote Roper Highway may be associated with beacon source, and later confirmed by the SAR aircraft. Aircraft crew guided Police to the scene, two persons in an overturned vehicle, one female suffering neck injuries, and taken to Katherine Hospital.

24 April	32.80° S 115.03° E	Maritime Fishing vessel	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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30 nm off Mandurah, Western Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The beacon was associated with a broken down vessel that was already in contact with WA State Police. A volunteer marine unit conducted the rescue.

24 April	70.92° N 154.65° W	PLB Truck (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Alaska, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The owner/operator of a truck became stuck in deep snow in white out conditions and manually activated his 406 MHz PLB due to physical exhaustion. The Alaska State Troopers received the Cospas-Sarsat alert and passed it to the North Slope Borough SAR. North Slope SAR launched a helicopter which located the truck and driver 48 nm East of Barrow, Alaska. Two persons were recovered and flown back to Barrow. Four persons remained with the truck.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
25 April	30.56° N 024.51° E	Maritime Sailing vessel Mediatis (France)	FMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

DetailsPortugalCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The vessel demasted and was adrift, the merchant vessel Discovery Bay from Yves Parier rescued the distressed vessel.

26 April	20.20° N 122.95° E	Maritime Fishing vessel (Chinese Taipei)	TAMCC	9 / 9	406 MHz
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Details160 nm South of Ken-Ding, Ping Tung.Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The 9 POB were rescued by the coast patrol vessel from the sinking fishing vessel.

27 April	15.06° S 132.35° E	Aviation Gyro-Copter GO212 (Australia)	AUMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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DetailsKatherine, Northern Territory, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Initially unlocated 406 MHz and 121.5 MHz distress signals were detected. Registration details revealed the aircraft to be a gyrocopter, and that the owner was flying. A rescue helicopter was tasked from Tindal and found the crashed gyrocopter. The pilot was transported to Katherine base hospital with severe injuries.

28 April	38.66° S 176.53° E	PLB Bushwalker	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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DetailsNZ SRRCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Received notification by RCC NZ that the source of the beacon alert was an injured bushwalker who was evacuated by helicopter.

29 April	08.00° S 165.61° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Ability	AUMCC	6 / 6	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsHoniara SRRCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

121.5/243 MHz emergency beacon signal in Solomons. Position in the vicinity of a previous unsuccessful search for fishing vessel Ability conducted over 25-27 April. MRCC Honiara requested airborne SAR assistance to locate source. MRCC Noumea assisted with a Guardian search aircraft and the merchant vessel Paola was diverted to the resolved beacon position. The French guardian aircraft located the Ability. The Paola was guided to the Ability's position and was taken under tow, the 6 crewmembers onboard the fishing vessel were reported to be safe and well.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
29 April	21.20° S 170.96° W	Maritime Fishing vessel	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsNZ SRRCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

RCC Wellington reported that the beacon had been located onboard a broken down fishing vessel which was a few miles offshore from Tonga, and recovery had been arranged.

30 April	10.28° S 101.68° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Lien Chi-Yu (Chin. Taipei)	AUMCC	15 / Unk	406 MHz
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DetailsIndian OceanCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

On 30 April 2005 RCC Australia received notification from Taipei RCC that fishing vessel Lien Chi-Yu with 15 persons onboard had not reported to her land office since 24 April 2005. Her last known position was some 1000 nm West of Perth. Further intelligence from Taipei RCC indicated that the vessel was possibly the subject of a mutiny, and it was believed to be heading for Indonesia. On 2 May the AUMCC detected the fishing vessel's 406 MHz distress beacon. Within 90 minutes of the initial detection a regular public transport aircraft overflew the distress position at 1000' and sighted the fishing vessel on fire. No persons were sighted onboard or in the vicinity of the burning fishing vessel. Two smaller fishing vessels were sighted within 1 nm of the burning vessel, both of which were steaming away from the scene. A Mayday Relay broadcast was issued and several vessels responded. The Hong Kong registered bulk carrier Tian Tong Feng/VRXA2 advised they were 30 nm Southwest of the distress position and diverted. The merchant vessel arrived at the distress position and reported that the fishing vessel was on fire from stem to stern and an immediate search of the area failed to locate any persons onboard the fishing vessel or in the vicinity. The merchant-man remained on scene overnight to conduct a visual search at daylight. No survivors were found. RAAF AP3 maritime search aircraft was deployed from Malaysia and arrived on scene. This aircraft completed a thorough visual and radar search of the location and sighted the capsized wreck of the fishing vessel and the 406 MHz distress beacon 8 nm away. No persons were sighted in the water. The aircraft also attempted communications with two small vessels sighted within 50 nm of the sunken vessel, but lack of communications prevented any confirmation of the crew safety. RCC Australia requested Indonesian SAR authorities to continue checks with Indonesian fishing companies to ascertain the safety of the 15 crewmembers. RCC Taipei was also requested to continue checking for the safety of the Taipei personnel, possibly rescued by Indonesian fishing vessel(s) and landed in Indonesia. To date no information has been received from either Indonesia or Taipei regarding the safety of the 15 crew.

30 April	43.96° S 169.95° E	PLB Trampers	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz
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DetailsSouth Island, New ZealandCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

RC Wellington reported that 4 trampers had been rescued by helicopter.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
01 May	09.60° S 143.66° E	Maritime Dinghy	AUMCC	6 / 6	121.5 MHz

Details

Torres Strait Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Initial satellite detection and hearing reports in the vicinity of Nepean Island, Torres Strait. A coastwatch aircraft located a dinghy, broken down with three adults and three children onboard. Police arranged a small craft from Darnley Island to take the distress vessel under tow back to Darnley Island.

01 May	32.86° N 122.96° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Seadee (Mongolia)	CNMCC	23 / 0	406 MHz
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Details

East China Sea Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The cargo vessel Seadee sunk in Level 10 winds. All 23 crew were missing presumed dead.

01 May	71.05° N 156.26° W	PLB Snow machine (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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16 nm South of Barrow, Alaska, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
North Slope Borough Rescue center received a 406 MHz PLB alert from a snow machine operator who was en route to Atqaguk, Alaska and ran out of fuel during white out conditions. He was located and rescued by volunteer searchers on snow machines.

02 May	23.02° N 086.20° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Luan Two (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Florida, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The owner/operator of the sailing vessel Luan Two manually activated their 406 MHz beacon. The merchant vessel Bienville overheard communications between Luan Two and the sailing vessel China Doll and reported to D7 RCC that Luan Two was adrift with torn sails and inoperative engine and generator at Northern Yucatan Pass. CGD7 started the case based on the radio call from the Bienville, but used the Cospas-Sarsat data to confirm the vessels location. Another nearby vessel, the China Doll was en-route, the CGC Drummond was diverted and CG 2133 (a HU25), was launched. CG 2133 arrived on scene and dropped a spare radio to the Luan Two. The CGC Drummond arrived on scene and towed the vessel to Key West.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
03 May	68.22° N 151.60° W	PLB Hunter (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details

7 miles North of Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
 The 406 MHz beacon was activated manually after a hunter on a snow machine fell through the ice. After activating the beacon, the hunter walked to prevent freezing. The hunter was found by a volunteer travelling by snow machine.

04 May	68.17° N 178.26° W	PLB Hunters (USA)	USMCC	5 / 5	406 MHz
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Details

16 nm West of Anaktuvak Pass, Alaska, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
 The North Slope Borough Rescue center received a 406 MHz alert when hunters on snowmobiles manually activated their 406 MHz PLB. The hunters tried to cross a creek with their snowmobile and got stuck. The North Slope Borough Rescue forces arrived on scene and rescued the hunters.

05 May	32.28° N 000.84° E	Aviation Helicopter	ALMCC	3 / 3	121.5 MHz
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Algeria Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
 No details

05 May	08.90° S 131.23° E	Maritime Yacht Matilda KZ4803	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Arafura Sea Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
 Various satellite initial alerts and aircraft hearing reports of bursts of transmissions to the North of Cape Don were followed eventually by a satellite resolved beacon position approximately 140 nm North Northwest of Cape Don. The merchant vessel Rainbow River had earlier been diverted to the area and a SAR aircraft was tasked from Darwin. The rescue aircraft advised he was overhead a yacht with a broken mast and Rainbow River was 4 nm away. The master of Rainbow River provided fuel and water to the disabled yacht Matilda and advised that the yacht was heading for Darwin. Later that evening the beacon was reported activated again. A coastwatch aircraft was tasked to check the yacht. Matilda was reported stationary. Patrol boat HMAS Fremantle was tasked and reported Matilda was disabled due to rope fouling her propeller. The patrol boat crew provided assistance and some provisions to Matilda who resumed passage to Darwin. Matilda sought further SAR assistance before eventually arriving Darwin on 10 May.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
05 May	21.00° S 113.20° E	Maritime Yacht Total Eclipse	AUMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz

DetailsNorthwest Exmouth, Western AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

An Australian registered 406 MHz beacon was detected by satellite approximately 76 nm Northwest of Exmouth, WA. The beacon was registered to catamaran Total Eclipse. A second USA registered 406 MHz beacon was also detected nearby. Shore based contact advises Total Eclipse is en-route from Christmas Island to Carnarvon with 3 persons on board and the skipper has his own 406 MHz beacon. A SAR-aircraft was tasked from Carnarvon to conduct a homing and attempt communications on marine VHF. A merchant ship and a rig tender were diverted to the area to assist. Subsequent advice from the crew indicated that they had lost the mast and communications and required fuel to compensate for excess use due to a 1 1/2 knot head current. Diesel Fuel was provided by merchant vessel Lady Caroline.

05 May	60.08° N 122.80° E	Maritime Cargo vessel An Yue (China)	CNMCC	14 / 14	406 MHz
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DetailsEast China SeaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The cargo vessel An Yue capsized in Level 10 winds. All 14 crew members were rescued by a Chinese safety vessel in the area.

07 May	34.10° S 025.26° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Lindsay (South Africa)	ASMCC	14 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsSouthern OceanCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Reefer Ouro do Brazil collided with the Mossel Bay fishing trawler Lindsay.

07 May	20.06° S 149.78° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Day Break VL 8521	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsSquare Reef, Whitsundays, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Gladstone Harbour Control advised Queensland Police that they had received a call on 6215 MHz from the fishing vessel Day Break reporting an overdue dory with 1 person on board. A dual frequency satellite detection resolved in the vicinity 8 nm North Northwest of the fishing vessel Daybreak. Merged beacon positions were passed to the Water Police who tasked a helicopter to search at first light. The rescue helicopter subsequently located the dory at anchor, with one person safe onboard. The Day Break was directed to the dory's position.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
07 May	35.28° N 120.26° W	Aviation aircraft	USMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsNear San Luis Obispo, California, USACospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The aircraft made an emergency landing on the California Polytechnical University soccer field. The pilot had minor injuries.

07 May	61.43° N 148.30° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details60nm East of Palmer, Alaska, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

An aircraft overturned on takeoff. The pilot was uninjured and was attempting to hike out from a remote location. However he had to be rescued because he was not prepared for an overnight experience.

08 May	51.28° N 000.65° W	Aviation Aircraft Mooney M20P	UKMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz
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DetailsFairoaks, EnglandCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The aircraft crashed on landing. 4 POB rescued.

08 May	37.47° N 066.94° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Almeisan (USA)	USMCC	5 / 4	406 MHz
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Details400 nm East Southeast of Ocean City, Maryland, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The crew of the sailing vessel Almeisan manually activated the beacon after the vessel sustained damage in a storm.

09 May	31.30° S 064.21° W	Aviation Piper PA-31-350 LV-LXO (Argentina)	ARMCC	8 / 3	406 MHz
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DetailsVila Allenda, Province of Cordoba, ArgentinaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The aircraft made an emergency near Villa Allenda city and crashed during flight. 5 of the 8 POB were killed.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
09 May	25.88° S 153.13° E	Maritime Yacht Ridgee Didge (Australia)	AUMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz

DetailsTincan Bay, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Cospas-Sarsat detected 406 MHz beacon belonging to an 11.3-metre sailing cat, Ridgee Didge. Both satellite and aircraft refined the position to Tin Can Bay, Qld. A rescue helicopter was tasked and located the vessel already under tow by the fishing vessel Serenity. The Ridgee Didge had run aground and overturned. With further assistance of Hervey Bay Volunteer Coast Guard, Ridgee Didge with its 2 occupants were towed to safety in Tin Can Bay.

10 May	12.11° S 077.40° W	Maritime Vessel Giuliana (Peru)	PEMCC	11 / 11	406 MHz
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Details15 miles off Puerto Callao, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The vessel sank and all 11 crew were rescued by the fishing boat Florida, who took them safely to the Port of Callao.

10 May	60.93° N 002.08° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Maranatha (UK)	UKMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
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DetailsWest of Sumburgh, UKCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The fishing vessel Maranatha sank. The crew took to a liferaft, but was immediately picked up by the nearby fishing vessel Seagull. The Coastguard helicopter arrived at the scene, but the four casualties were content to return to Shetland on the Seagull.

11 May	59.62° N 005.58° E	Aviation Amphibious plane	NMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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DetailsNorwayCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The plane crashed. No further details are available.

11 May	59.91° N 010.51° E	Aviation Helicopter LH-OPY (Norway)	NMCC	7 / 7	406 MHz
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DetailsNear Drammen, NorwayCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The helicopter crashed on landing.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
14 May	46.71° N 116.14° W	Aviation Aircraft (USA)	USMCC	2 / 1	406 MHz

Detailsnear Elk River, Idaho, USACospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The signal was activated when the plane crashed. One person died in the crash and one person was rescued.

16 May	22.00° S 106.50° E	Maritime Ocean row boat (USA)	AUMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsIndian OceanCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Two Russian oceanic rowers departed Carnarvon on 22 April with an attempt to row to Tanzania however after 14 days the water desalinator broke. The support team attempted to arrange a yacht to deliver a new water desalinator but were unable to do so. On day 24 the rowers declared an emergency and activated their distress beacon. Two merchant vessels were diverted to assist. The master of the Cape Ocean reported difficulty recovering the rowers and asked the Euro Viking to attempt recovery. This was completed successfully, with the rowing boat also able to be recovered.

16 May	23.43° S 119.65° E	Aviation Aircraft Be23 VH-CYF	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsNewman, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

AusSAR was alerted by the Cospas-Sarsat System of a possible beacon which was confirmed by high flying aircraft hearing the signal. A local aircraft was tasked to the satellite position to refine the coordinates. As ground units were making their way to the isolated beacon position information came into the RCC regarding a single engine Be23 Sundowner aircraft with 2 persons onboard overdue on a local 1 hour joy flight from a roadhouse 6 nm South of Newman WA. The aircraft failed to return as planned. Police located the crashed Sundowner with the two persons. The pilot was uninjured, the female passenger had suffered a broken femur and the aircraft was a write off.

16 May	25.51° N 139.11° W	Maritime Vessel Eclipse (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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DetailsPacific Ocean between Hawaii and California, USACospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A person on the vessel Eclipse was reported ill with a kidney infection. Pacarea RCC requested the vessel activate its EPIRB for location. Pacarea RCC diverted an Amver vessel which provided medication. The person declined further treatment.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
16 May	56.94° N 152.80° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Heather Kay (USA)	USMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz

DetailsGulf of Alaska, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

Coast Guard District 17 received a 406 MHz EPIRB alert from the vessel Heather Kay which experienced a fire onboard that could not be contained. The crew activated the EPIRB prior to abandoning ship into a life raft. A Coast Guard helicopter arrived on scene and rescued the crew of four. The EPIRB was recovered and secured.

17 May	12.20° S 171.53° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Rowena	AUMCC	5 / 5	121.5 MHz
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DetailsSamoa AreaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

RNZAF Kiwi Rescue 227 was tasked following resolved position alerts. The casualty Rowena a 28-metre passenger vessel had lost all power. The vessel Tokelau (Island Trader) was tasked to assist. Tokelau arrived on the scene and gave the casualty two batteries. This enabled her to start her engines and she was proceeding to Apia, Western Samoa.

17 May	09.08° S 079.05° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Belen 1 (Peru)	PEMCC	14 / 14	406 MHz
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DetailsAltura, Puerto Huarmey, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The fishing vessel suffered mechanical problems and was towed into the Port of Huarmey by the fishing vessel Milpas.

18 May	49.33° N 002.18° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Mon Ami	FMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz
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DetailsFranceCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The fishing vessel Mon Ami sunk. All 4 fishermen were rescued from dinghies by a merchant vessel and later transported to hospital by helicopter.

18 May	05.95° N 084.41° E	Maritime Vessel Hui Long (Hong Kong)	INMCC	23 / 23	406 MHz
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DetailsIndian OceanCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The ship was drifting and later abandoned by the crew. The first alert was through Inmarsat-C followed by Cospas-Sarsat EPIRB activation. 23 crew members were rescued. Also reported by HKMCC.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
19 May	12.23° S 096.83° E	Maritime Yacht Moonstar	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsCocos Island areaCospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)

On 19 May the RCC was notified through the AUMCC of an initial beacon detection in the Cocos Island area. Monitoring was requested in the area but nothing was heard. The satellite system subsequently provided three resolved positions. A regular public transport flight was diverted to the most likely position and could hear a beacon when overhead. The aircraft was unable to descend to conduct a visual search of the area due to cloud cover. Merchant vessel MT Algarve responded to the urgency broadcast and was diverted to the general satellite position. After conducting a thorough search of the area with no signs of distress, the ship was released to continue its voyage. AusSAR then tasked a Coastwatch Dash 8 aircraft from Christmas Island, and the Cocos Island vessel R J Hawke to investigate the satellite positions and a report of a yacht sighting south of Cocos Island. The aircraft failed to hear any beacon signal on 121.5 MHz or 243 MHz. A yacht under sail and heading South Southeast was sighted 19 nm South of the latest beacon position but communications could not be established. The R J Hawke was also tasked to the beacon position but nothing was sighted. The incident remained active however there were no further satellite detections. On 22 May the sailing cutter Moonstar was located at anchor off the fringing reef outside Prison Island. The yacht was found to have no communications, no auxiliary power and in danger of being washed onto the reef. The R J Hawke was utilised to tow this vessel from that location to a mooring inside Direction Island. An interview with the crew revealed that whilst enroute to Cocos from Phuket, the Moonstar had been struck by lightning which disabled her transmitting abilities. The auxiliary engine had ceased to operate and there was no food on board. The crew had activated the beacon, then had sailed to the South to avoid squalls in the immediate area of Cocos. It was sailing South when located by the search aircraft but had switched off the beacon at that time to preserve power. He was able to return to Cocos, however found himself nearly aground on the fringing reef whilst trying to make port in poor conditions and without accurate charts.

20 May	55.86° N 037.45° E	Aviation Aircraft Falkon-20 (Russia)	CMC	11 / 11	406 MHz
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DetailsRussiaCospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)

The Falkon-20 was forced to land due to a faulty fuel indicator.

20 May	66.45° N 015.60° W	Maritime Fishing vessel (Iceland)	NMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsNorwegian Sea of the coast of IcelandCospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)

The vessel sank due to flooding.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
21 May	45.85° N 011.63° E	Aviation Aircraft	ITMCC	4 / 2	406 MHz

Details

Italian SRR area
The aircraft crashed.

Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

21 May	33.51° N 085.52° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

50 nm West of Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The AFRCC opened a mission with the Georgia CAP who located a crashed aircraft. The County Sheriff and emergency teams removed 2 injured people to the local hospital.

22 May	32.17° N 070.01° W	PLB Vessel Celiza (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

334 nm Southeast of Cape Hatters, USA

Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The LantArea Rescue Coordination Center received a 406 MHz alert from the sailing vessel Celiza that was on a voyage from Florida to Portugal. The owner manually activated his PLB due to his medical conditions and the vessel taking on water. Coast Guard resources arrived on scene and rescued the owner.

23 May	24.39° N 080.92° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Kelly's green (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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Details

near Miami, Florida, USA

Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert

Coast Guard District 7 received a 406 MHz alert message when the crew on board the vessel Yellow Bird manually activated their EPIRB, when the vessel became disabled and needed immediate assistance. A US Coast Guard Falcon located the vessel and the Coast Guard cutter Padre towed the vessel to port. The crew sustained no injuries.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
24 May	18.85° S 143.36° E	PLB Vehicle	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz

Details

Cobbold Creek Northern Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Aircraft in the Central Queensland area reported hearing a beacon, and the Cospas-Sarsat System produced an initial position approximately 35 nm South of Georgetown. A SAR aircraft was tasked from Cairns to track the distress beacon. A helicopter was tasked from Cobbold Gorge Resort, very close to the Sarsat position. The SAR aircraft located a vehicle at the distress site and directed the helicopter to the position. A vehicle was located with 2 flat tyres and an elderly female occupant. An elderly male from the vehicle had set out to walk to the resort, he was also located by the helicopter. Both occupants were transported (with their dog) back to the resort.

25 May	52.46° N 005.53° E	Aviation Helicopter PH-CVW (Netherlands)	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Netherlands Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The helicopter crashed, but there were no injuries.

26 May	16.88° S 145.75° E	Maritime Houseboat	AUMCC	2 / 0	121.5 MHz
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Details

Cairns, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Initial reports came from aircraft near Cairns with subsequent satellite detections. A rescue helicopter was tasked and the Water Police were briefed. The helicopter located a houseboat at anchor in Turtle Bay with a 12-ft dinghy. A radio was dropped to the dinghy and the occupants reported that the houseboat was broken down and the dinghy was unable to tow the houseboat in the current weather. The helicopter crew advised that the volunteer marine rescue craft from Cairns was enroute to assist.

26 May	41.68° S 145.98° E	PLB Person on land	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Cradle Mountain, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
A distress beacon signal was detected by AUMCC, and heard by aircraft. A rescue helicopter was tasked out of Hobart to locate the distress beacon. Resolved position given as Cradle Mountain. Weather conditions were poor with high winds and snow. A hiker with an injured foot was located and transported a nearby resort.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
26 May	45.83° N 006.86° E	Aviation Aircraft DR400 F-GUPV	FMCC	3 / 0	121.5/243 MHz

Details

France Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
3 POB died when the aircraft crashed.

26 May	49.30° N 008.45° E	Aviation Aircraft Do27 D-EBUH	FMCC	5 / 5	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Germany Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
5 POB were slightly injured when the aircraft made an emergency landing.

27 May	35.25° S 150.26° E	PLB Bushwalker	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Clyde Gorge, New South Wales, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Aircraft operating between Canberra and Sydney had reported hearing a beacon. SAR aircraft were tasked from Wollongong to locate the source of the beacon. A rescue helicopter operating in the Goulburn area was also tasked. The Cospas-Sarsat System subsequently produced an initial, then a merged position approximately 10 nm West of the township of Milton. The rescue helicopter confirmed the position as the source, however required to return to Canberra to refuel. NSW Police were requested to arrange a ground party to proceed to the location. Later NSW Police advised that a bushwalker had walked out of the Clyde Gorge area to report that a member of his bushwalking party had fallen and as a result was badly injured. The injured bushwalker was stabilised by paramedics, and winched from scene by rescue helicopter.

27 May	49.26° N 003.73° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Naelle Nolwenn (USA)	FMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
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Details

France Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The vessel Gaelle Nolwenn sunk and 4 fisherman were rescued from dinghies by a merchant vessel and later flown to hospital by helicopter.

27 May	25.95° N 080.82° W	PLB Boater (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Everglades, Florida, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
A boater was stranded in the Everglades and manually activated his PLB. The boater was found by FL Fish and Wildlife which directed other boaters and friends to him. The boater was escorted back to safety by his friends. The vessel was left in the Everglades.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
28 May	13.35° S 076.86° W	Maritime Vessel Mar Mediterraneo (Peru)	PEMCC	14 / 14	406 MHz

Details27 miles off Puerto Pisco, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The vessel suffered mechanical problems and was subsequently assisted by the fishing vessel Sechura. The Mar Mediterraneo resolved the mechanical problems and arrived to the Bay of Oquendo, Callao safely.

28 May	29.37° N 080.28° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Fourdaze Off (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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Details90 nm West of Clearwater, Florida, USACospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Coast Guard District 7 RCC received a MAYDAY call from the operator of the fishing vessel FourDaze on VHF/FM CH-16 stating his vessel had an engine failure and was taking on water over the stern. The Coast Guard sub-station in St.Petersburg was notified and they launched a HH-60 helicopter and a 47-foot MLB to the area. The helicopter arrived on scene and dropped two pumps to the distressed vessel after they were told their bilge pump was not working and the hand pump being used by the crew was not keeping up with the flooding. Once the vessel was dewatered and the flooding controlled, the vessel was escorted to a marina in St Petersburg by the 47 foot MLB.

29 May	18.75° S 146.85° E	Maritime Kayaks	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz
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DetailsPalm Island, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Distress beacon received by an aircraft in the Townsville area. Coastwatch aircraft was tasked to investigate, and reported sighting two kayaks, one submerged between Ingham and Palm Island. Rescue helicopter was tasked and subsequently recovered two persons, however advised two people were still missing. After a brief search the other two persons were sighted and winched to safety. The survivors were transferred to Townsville Hospital for a medical assessment.

29 May	33.73° S 150.31° E	PLB Bushwalker	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsThree Sister, New South Wales, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Beacon signal received by aircraft in the Katoomba area, followed shortly after by an initial satellite detection. Rescue helicopter and police ground crews were tasked to the area. Rescue helicopter located a female bushwalker who had mild hyperthermia and vomiting. She was winched aboard and delivered safely to Katoomba Hospital.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
30 May	22.60° S 122.40° E	PLB Campervan	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz

Details

Rudall River National Park, Western Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Cospas-Sarsat detected a 121.5/243 MHz signal and resolved position to an area 94 km South of remote Telfer Western Australia. A SAR aircraft was tasked from Broome to investigate the source, a police 4WD was also dispatched to the location. SAR Aircraft crew could not see any lights or any signs of distress due to darkness. The aircraft landed at Telfer to be on scene at first light and ascertain the source of the distress beacon. They subsequently located a vehicle bogged, and remained overhead until the police arrived. The police successfully pulled the vehicle out of the mud and both vehicles continued to Cotten Creek Station. The sole occupant was a 34 year old German female who had travelled from Alice Springs to Newman. While in Newman, she had picked up some maps of the Rundall River National Park and on her return journey, decided to visit there. She had become temporally uncertain of her position, and had become irretrievably bogged at a river crossing. She had not advised anyone of her travel intentions.

31 May	33.95° S 151.18° E	Maritime Dinghy	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5 MHz
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Details

Sydney, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Aircraft reported hearing a distress beacon in the Sydney area. Following this, the Sydney Medical Retrieval Unit advised the RCC that they were responding to an overturned dinghy off Narrabeen in Sydney. A subsequent satellite pass detected the beacon approximately 3 nm offshore from Narrabeen. Sydney Water Police were contacted and they confirmed they were responding to this incident and that there were 3 persons in the water. Two surface vessels had been tasked to provide assistance. One person was taken to hospital by the police helicopter while the other two were returned to safety by the surface craft. The vessel was towed to Barrenjoey Heads by the Sydney Water Police.

31 May	39.21° N 073.26° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Patience (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

80 nm East of Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The crewmen of the vessel, Patience, activated the EPIRB because one of the crew was crushed by a scallop dredge. They were unable to reach the Coast Guard via radio. The Coast Guard launched an H65 helicopter which picked up the crewman and medivaced him to the nearest hospital.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
31 May	Guam	Maritime Sailing vessel Banshee (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
Details					
<u>18 nm West of Guam</u>		Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>first alert</u>			
The owner/operator of the sailing vessel Banshee manually activated the 406 MHz EPIRB when they lost their propeller and were taking on water. The Federation of State of Micronesia patrol vessel, President Remelik, located the Banshee, assisted in controlling the flooding and safely towed the sailing vessel to Palau.					
02 June	16.85° N 064.76° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Sunny + Jer (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
Details					
<u>San Juan, Puerto Rico</u>		Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>first alert</u>			
The master of the sailing vessel Sunny + Jer manually activated his 406 MHz EPIRB when a man fell overboard. The vessel was dismantled, disabled and adrift at the time of the EPIRB activation. The San Juan RCC launched a HU-25 Falcon aircraft, arranged for a HH-60 helicopter and an Amver vessel to assist the distressed vessel. The Falcon aircraft located the vessel just South of St. Croix. The Amver vessel arrived on the scene and stayed with the vessel until the vessel NHL Viking arrived. The NHL Viking took the two POBs aboard and towed the disabled vessel into port at St. Croix. The helicopter remained on scene looking for the man overboard. He was found deceased and his body was recovered.					
04 June	17.30° S 179.63° W	Maritime Yacht Sweet Grace (Canada)	AUMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Fiji SRR</u>		Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>first alert</u>			
Multiple 406 MHz detections from an unregistered Canadian coded beacon located in the Fijian SRR. AUMCC confirmed that RCC Nadi had received resolved positions and MRCC Suva had been notified. MRCC Suva reported they were coordinating a SAR response and were attempting to get an aircraft into the area. RCC NZ later confirmed that a P3 operating in the area was being diverted to investigate at the request of Fiji. The P3 located a yacht aground with one person on the beach nearby. A Fijian patrol boat recovered the stranded person and transferred him to Suva.					
04 June	34.15° N 132.86° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Kineimaru No. 8 (Japan)	JAMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
Details					
<u>2.1 nm North Northwest of Kantori-Hana, Japan</u>		Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>no assistance</u>			
The JAMCC received 406 MHz alerts transmitted from the cargo vessel Kineimaru No. 8. The JCG made contact with her at once and found that she had collided with the merchant vessel Nikko 6. The JCG canceled the SAR action because neither of the ships were in danger.					

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
05 June	40.73° N 134.90° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Rich Spring (Cambodia)	JAMCC	10 / 10	406 MHz
Details					
<u>223 nm Northwest of Susu-Saki, Japan</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>first alert</u>		
The JCG investigated the alert received by JAMCC and found that the cargo vessel Rich Spring had collided with the merchant vessel Good Sailing. 3 crew members from Rich Spring were rescued by the Good Sailing and the remainder of the crew were rescued by the JCG patrol vessel.					
06 June	27.56° S 114.18° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	5 / 5	121.5/243 MHz
Details					
<u>North of Kalbarrie, Western Australia</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>		
An initial satellite detection of a beacon was 14 km North of Kalbarri. Where the police reported a vessel aground on the reef. Geraldton Police were coordinating a response with emergency services assisting. Police subsequently advised that the vessel was later secured, the beacon was turned off and all personnel were safe and receiving medical attention.					
06 June	56.75° N 153.90° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Janet B (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Near Kodiak, Alaska, USA</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>		
Coast Guard District 17 RCC launched a helicopter to the site, and on arrival, they located the fishing vessel Janet B taking on water. They dropped two pumps to the vessel to keep it afloat. A Good Samaritan took the vessel under tow to Lazy Bay where it was able to moor safely.					
06 June	61.80° N 156.83° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
Details					
<u>13 miles East of Sleetmute, Alaska, USA</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>first alert</u>		
The beacon was activated when the aircraft crashed due to engine failure. 2 POB were recovered by civilian helicopter and taken to a clinic.					
07 June	33.36° S 027.41° E	Maritime Bulk Carrier Kiperousa (South Africa)	ASMCC	25 / Unk	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Southern Ocean</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>		
Kiperousa, with a cargo of logs loaded in Gabon, West Africa, struck an unknown object believed to be a reef, while sailing close inshore in a North-Easterly direction on a heading for Durban. The ship was sailing close inshore at the time.					

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
09 June	51.50° N 000.05° E	Aviation SAAB 2000 aircraft HB-IZG (Switzerland)	UKMCC	Unk / Unk	406 MHz

DetailsLondon City Airport, UKCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The Swiss aircraft landed at London City Airfield with the left engine on fire. All the crew and passengers were evacuated safely.

10 June	26.43° N 082.53° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Kanza (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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Detailsnear Fort Myers, Florida, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

Coast Guard District 7 RCC launched an HU-25 Falcon jet to the site. Arriving on scene, the jet located the sailing vessel Kanza that was disabled during Tropical Storm Arlene. The HU-25 established communications with the vessel and the Coast Guard Cutter Marlin towed the vessel safely to Pink Shell Marina in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida.

10 June	29.08° N 080.25° W	Maritime Vessel (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details30 nm East of Fort Pierce, Florida, USACospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Coast Guard District 7 RCC launched an HH-65 helicopter on four separate occasions during tropical storm Arlene in an attempt to locate the source. Because the signal was in the Gulf Stream and moving rapidly, it was creating a location problem. CGD7 RCC spoke to the acting USMCC Chief, and he was able to sort out the problem and direct them to the correct position. The HH-65 helicopter spotted the capsized vessel with two people clinging to it and hoisted them aboard and transported them to safety. The vessel was returning from the Bahamas when it experienced engine failure. The vessel capsized due to a large wave generated by the tropical storm.

12 June	18.66° S 146.58° E	Maritime Yacht Gone Berko (Australia)	AUMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
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DetailsJuno Bay, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Notified by Townsville Water Police the yacht Gone Berko had activated its EPIRB due to a mishap in the area of Palm Island Group. Subsequently reported that the situation was resolved and the four POB were OK but required a tow. A Volunteer Marine Rescue vessel assisted.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
12 June	29.66° S 178.36° E	Maritime Yacht Scott Free	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz

Details

New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Satellite detection of an EPIRB in New Zealand SRR. Merchant vessel Capt Wallis diverted and effected rescue of 2 crew from yacht Scott Free.

12 June	52.63° N 004.90° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Last Chance (UK)	UKMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

St. georges Channel, Cardigan Bay, UK Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The fishing vessel Last Chance sank, the 2 POB were rescued from a liferaft by the Search and Rescue Helicopter from RAF Valley.

14 June	24.58° S 153.26° E	Maritime Small craft Oanna	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Breaksea Spit, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The RCC were advised by Hervey Bay Water Police about the yacht Oanna aground in the middle of Breaksea Spit. The vessel was listing 45 degrees in a two metre swell and was taking on water. The RCC assisted by tasking helicopters to locate the yacht and alternate overhead until the Bundaberg Volunteer Marine Rescue vessel arrived. The Oanna eventually drifted clear of the Spit and into calmer waters where the volunteer vessel took the yacht in tow.

16 June	25.80° S 153.13° E	Maritime Spanner crab vessel	AUMCC	1 / 0	121.5 MHz
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Details

Wide Bay Bar, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Cospas-Sarsat detected an EPIRB in the Hervey Bay area. Contact with Hervey Bay water police confirmed they had been advised by radio of a vessel taking water on Wide Bay Bar and were coordinating a response. The RCC tasked a rescue helicopter from Maroochydore to assist. Police later advised that a vessel on the scene had sighted a body in the overturned spanner crab boat. Rescue helicopter conducted an expanding square search around the target vessel in case of other occupants in the water. No sightings resulted, in ideal search conditions, and the helicopter returned to base. Police divers attended the scene and recovered the body.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
19 June	South Carolina	Maritime Pleasure Craft New Jersey (USA)	USMCC	5 / 5	406 MHz

Details

50 nm Southeast of Hilton Head, South Carolina, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
Coast Guard District 7 RCC diverted a helicopter and utility boat to the site where they located the pleasure craft New Jersey. The crew on board the vessel manually activated the EPIRB when they were caught in rough seas and became concerned for their safety after running low on fuel. The Coast Guard utility boat towed the vessel into Savannah, Georgia.

20 June	12.05° S 134.23° E	PLB Motorbike	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Maningrida, Northern Territory, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Initial satellite detection of a beacon on 121.5 MHz in the Maningrida area. The local police were able to supply a hand held VHF radio to the airport but attempts to source the signal direction were unsuccessful. A coastwatch aircraft was tasked. Police later advised that they had located a motorcyclist who had been involved in a single vehicle accident and crashed to the Southeast of town, a beacon was activated. The motorcyclist was taken to the medical clinic.

21 June	10.18° S 142.51° E	Maritime Dinghy Gorilla	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Gettulai Island, Torres Strait, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Satellite detection of a distress beacon in the Torres Strait area. A coastwatch helicopter was tasked and the source identified as the dinghy Gorilla with 2 persons onboard located between Suarji Island and Gettulai Island in the Torres Strait. The Thursday Island Volunteer Marine Rescue was also tasked and determined that the distressed craft, a 5.4-metre local vessel had suffered engine failure earlier in the day whilst en-route to Yam Island. On attempting to restart the engine a fire occurred onboard. The crew requested that a boat from Yam Island be requested to take them under tow. The Volunteer Marine Rescue boat towed the vessel close to Yam Island where they were met by another local vessel and took over the tow.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
21 June	42.21° S 072.40° W	Aviation Aircraft CC-CHL	CHMCC	4 / 1	121.5 MHz

DetailsSouth of Puerto Montt, ChileCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

An Aerogala Company aircraft with 4 POB took off from El Tepuai airport near Puerto Montt en-route for Chaltén aerodrome, 170 kms South of Puerto Montt. The last communication with the pilot had taken place 15 minutes after take off. The aircraft crashed into the hill near Buill Cove. The 121.5 MHz beacon activated on impact and the emitted signal was detected just twenty minutes after declared Alert and was immediately relayed to the SAR forces by the CHMCC. Due to very bad weather in the area and night drawing in, operations were postponed until the following day. In the early hours the SAR forces searched the area and the plane was found just 6 kms from the transmitted position. One person, although seriously injured survived the very cold night and was taken to hospital for treatment. Unfortunately the remaining 3 POB died in the accident.

22 June	13.43° S 132.61° E	PLB Hiker	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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Details30 nm from Coorinda, Norther Territory, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Merged detection of a 121.5 MHz beacon in the Kakadu National Park, and confirmed by aircraft. Rescue aircraft tasked from Darwin, however the arrival time on scene was going to be after last light. Crew observed light signals from the ground which responded to a pass by the aircraft. No night capable helicopters were available in the area. Position was a one day hike from the nearest track during daylight hours and not recommended at night due to terrain. To understand the seriousness of the problem due to the long lead time to a rescue, the rescue crew dropped a helibox containing a radio and attached strobe lights and cyalume lights. Communications were established with the ground party. The party consisted of 11 people on a hiking holiday for 5 days and one of the party, a 60 year old male, had injured his knee and was unable to walk. The party was well prepared with provisions for the next 4 days and therefore advised to switch off the beacon and turn it back on if the situation deteriorated during the night. They were advised that a helicopter with a nurse and Park Ranger would arrive about 1 hour after first light to assist the injured person. A medevac was effected during the following morning.

22 June	23.86° N 083.73° W	Maritime Fishing vessel War Party (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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DetailsFlorida, USACospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The operator of the vessel War Party manually activated his 406 MHz EPIRB when the vessel experienced problems in rough seas. CGD7 RCC launched a helicopter. By the time the helicopter arrived on scene, the vessel's steering was restored and the helicopter escorted the vessel safely into port at Key West, Florida.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
22 June	23.88° N 083.25° W	Maritime Vessel West Wind of Hamble (USA)	USMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz

DetailsUSACospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The operator of the vessel manually activated his 406 MHz EPIRB on 22 June 2005 at 1908 UTC before making the Mayday call. The resultant Cospas-Sarsat data was used to locate the vessel. The CGD7 RCC launched a helicopter and the USCG Cutter Padre to the scene. The USCG Cutter Padre towed the vessel safely into port at Key West, Florida.

22 June	24.46° N 083.10° W	Maritime Small vessel (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details4 nm West of Key West, Florida, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

Coast Guard District 7 RCC diverted a 27-ft small boat and launched an HH-60 helicopter to the site. On arrival, the small boat was located and 2 people were recovered from the water. The vessel had sunk and the EPIRB was lost at sea.

23 June	34.43° N 120.61° W	PLB Boat Great Fun (USA)	USMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
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DetailsWest of Pt. Conception, California, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

AFRCC forwarded an unlocated alert to Pacarea for a registered PLB in use during a yacht race. In response to an UMIB issued by Pacarea, an Amver vessel spotted the sailing vessel Great Fun taking on water. Pacarea launched a helicopter which dropped pumps to the vessel but the pumps could not control the flooding. The Amver vessel retrieved the four people from the sailing vessel before it sank.

23 June	35.31° N 079.16° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Osprey (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Detailsnear Cat Kay, BahamasCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Coast Guard District 7 RCC received a Mayday via VHF/FM CH-16 from the vessel. The resultant Cospas-Sarsat data was used to locate the vessel. The CGD7 RCC launched a helicopter which hoisted the two POB from the vessel and transported them safely to shore.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
24 June	13.58° S 132.61° E	PLB Hiker	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz

Details

Kakadu, Northern Territory, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The initial beacon detection was Southwest of Jabiru NT, followed by an aircraft confirmation. Rescue aircraft and local ground response tasked. Information from Jabiru Police ascertained that source of beacon was from a hiking party where one member had sustained rib injuries. The hiking party was in communications with a Parks Ranger by satellite phone. Further coordination of incident was passed to Police and Parks Officer to coordinate extraction of the injured party. Helicopter transported injured bushwalker to safety.

24 June	38.98° S 133.95° E	PLB Bush walker	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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Details

South Island, New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
A missing bush walker was the subject of a police search in New Zealand after activating their beacon and was located by search party.

25 June	33.73° S 175.93° E	Maritime Yacht Maine (France)	AUMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

New Zealand SRR Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
NZRCC coordinated response to 406 MHz beacon and located 13-m sloop. Unable to determine nature of distress due to language difficulties, the yacht fired a flare confirming distress situation. Two persons were rescued from the distressed yacht.

26 June	16.58° S 154.70° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Emerald Jane (Haiti)	FMCC	6 / 6	406 MHz
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Details

Tahiti Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The Emerald Jane was drifting without power, 2 men (one of which was injured) and 4 children were rescued by helicopter.

27 June	69.53° N 140.58° W	Aviation Aircraft C-FZCH	CMCC	2 / 4	121.5 MHz
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Details

Komokuk Beach, Northwest Territories, Canada Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
SAR King Air located the aircraft at Komakuk with 2 POB slightly injured after running off the runway.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
27 June	38.74° N 049.96° W	PLB Boat (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details830 nm Northeast of BermudaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The PLB was activated when a 17 year old suffered possible appendicitis. Lantarea diverted an Amver vessel, a Canadian C-130, and a naval vessel. The patient was picked up by the naval vessel and was found to be severely sea sick.

30 June	09.75° S 143.40° E	Maritime Dinghy YKI149	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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DetailsYorke Island, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Distress beacon signal was heard by aircraft in the Torres Strait area. A rescue helicopter was tasked. The satellite system merged the position to approximately 10 nm Southwest of Yorke Island. The rescue helicopter winched the rescue crewman onto the dinghy. The dinghy had a unserviceable motor which was repaired by the rescue crewman. The dinghy then made its way back to Yorke Island.

30 June	67.41° N 050.51° W	PLB Polar expedition	NMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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DetailsGreenlandCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The expedition was unable to make a down climb from an icecap due to crevasses and melting water. As a result they had to activate their PLB in order to get evacuated. The beacon signal was heard by a high flying aircraft.

01 July	09.93° S 142.21° E	Maritime Dinghy	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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DetailsTorres Strait, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

During hours of darkness AUMCC detected a distress beacon in a position Northeast of Mabuiag Island, Torres Strait. A non night winch capable rescue helicopter was tasked and located a broken down dinghy with two crew. The rescue helicopter arranged for local assistance with a dinghy being despatched to the distressed vessel.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
01 July	15.95° S 129.86° E	Aviation Helicopter VH-UDL	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz

Details

Waterloo Station, Northern Territory, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
A distress beacon was detected between Kununurra and Tindal. Darwin and Kununurra fixed wing aircraft were tasked to locate the beacon. Police at Kununurra advised that a helicopter had crashed at Waterloo Station approximately 66 nm Southeast of Kununurra. Two persons onboard had sustained some injuries. The Waterloo Station staff deactivated the distress beacon. SAR aircraft continued with their homing task from Darwin as the two merged positions were almost 80 nm apart and concern was held for a second beacon. The two persons were transported by St. Johns Ambulance to Kununurra.

01 July	27.28° S 153.25° E	Maritime 18' vessel Bulldog	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Moreton Bay, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The distress beacon being heard in the Brisbane area was also picked up by the satellite. Brisbane Water Police reponding to an 18' vessel broken down and drifting approximately 100 m offshore in surf. Police had tasked the rescue helicopter Volunteer Marine Rescue and police. The police subsequently advised that the distress beacon was activated by the distressed vessel Bulldog which had sunk. 2 POB had been rescued one of which was enroute to hospital.

02 July	54.05° N 006.18° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Orion (UK)	UKMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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Details

Northern Island, UK Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The EPIRB was activated by high tide. The vessel capsized on the shore line, however the crew had been rescued prior to the EPIRB activation.

03 July	Hawaii	Maritime Fishing vessel Sea Diamond (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Hawaii Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
A National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Observer on board the fishing vessel Sea Diamond set off the EPIRB due to an irrational crewmember trying to commit suicide. This case was turned over to Medevac and the EPIRB was secured.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
05 July	23.46° N 076.04° W	Maritime Pleasure craft Bankruptsea (USA)	USMCC	1 / 7	406 MHz

Details25 nm East of Great Exuma, BahamasCospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)

The PC Bankruptsea with 7 POB collided with the sailing vessel Caroline. The EPIRB activated automatically when the Bankruptsea sank. CGD 07 launched an HH60 helicopter to the position to provide assistance if required. The sailing vessel Lady Maria recovered all 7 POB. However the CG helicopter did transport 1 injured person from the Bankruptsea to land for EMS attention.

08 July	59.26° N 148.88° E	Maritime Vessel SPP-13 (Russia)	CMC	10 / 9	406 MHz
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DetailsRussian watersCospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)

The Russian vessel SPP-13 was shipwrecked. All crewmembers escaped to the 2 rescue rafts. Because of the weather conditions the first raft was found 13 July and the second was found 14 July. All men were retrieved, but one of the ten crewmen was dead.

08 July	05.71° S 081.31° W	Maritime Vessel Pachacutec 2 (peru)	PEMCC	15 / 15	406 MHz
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Details19 miles from Bayovar, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)

The vessel sank with 15 POB. All 15 were rescued by the fishing vessel Kosmil 2 and safely taken to Port Bayovar.

09 July	64.82° N 020.25° W	PLB Tourist	NMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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DetailsIcelandCospas-Sarsat provided [only alert](#)

A German tourist on a glacier activated his PLB due to bad weather.

09 July	44.21° N 067.40° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Seatwins (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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Details7 nm South of Jonesport, Maine, USACospas-Sarsat provided [only alert](#)

Coast Guard District 1 reported the EPIRB activated automatically when the fishing vessel Déjà vu started taking on water. The crew of three were rescued by a Good Samaritan vessel who was responding to the CGD1 UMIB. Assets from Coast Guard Station Jonesport were also on scene. The EPIRB went down with the ship and was un-retrievable.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
11 July	45.98° N 007.46° E	Aviation Helicopter (Norway)	ITMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details

Torino Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The helicopter crashed.

11 July	61.25° N 014.71° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Saranne (UK)	NMCC	3 / 0	406 MHz
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Details

Iceland Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The vessel activated their EPIRB due to bad weather. When the SAR helicopter arrived on the scene, the vessel was in control of the situation and was no longer in the need of any assistance.

11 July	68.08° N 159.73° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Noatak River, Alaska, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
An aircraft crashed on a sandbar in the Noatak River while attempting to land. The nose gear and propeller were damaged. The Civil Air Patrol located the pilot and flew him out of the crash site.

11 July	70.30° N 161.96° W	PLB Travellers (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Alaska, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Two people were stranded on shore near Icy Cape. They manually activated their 406 MHz PLB when they ran out of gas. The Sarsat alert was passed to the North Slope RCC in Barrow. They launched a helicopter which located and picked up the two people and transported them to safety.

14 July	34.55° N 138.31° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Houraimaru No. 18 (Japan)	JAMCC	5 / 5	406 MHz
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Details

6.3 nm South of Omae-saki, Japan Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The JCG dispatched some patrol vessels and aircraft to the detected position of the alerts. The Houraimaru No. 18 collided with the merchant vessel Ryoukamaru, who then rescued the crew of the Houraimaru No. 18. The Houraimaru No. 18 later sank.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
14 July	Grenada	Maritime Sailing vessel Lady Luck (Norway)	NMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Caribbean Ocean</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>no assistance</u>		
The vessel had a grounding incident close to Grenada in the Caribbean ocean. The Grenada Coast Guard went to the rescue, and towed the vessel to shore.					
14 July	12.79° N 061.78° W	Maritime Yacht Serendipity V (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Tyrell Bay, Carriacou, Lesser Antilles</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>		
The Serendipity V sank at anchor. The owner broadcast a Mayday and abandoned ship to his inflatable dinghy. The dinghy was blown by Hurricane Emily's winds approximately 25 nm to the Northwest before the victim was located by a merchant vessel responding to the reported distress. The beacon position provided by Sarsat was vital in locating the dinghy.					
17 July	41.81° N 069.66° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Princess (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
Details					
<u>15 nm Offshore of Provincetown, Massachusetts, USA</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>only alert</u>		
Coast Guard District 1 RCC launched a helicopter to the site. On arrival, they located the crew of three in their life raft. The fishing vessel Princess had sunk. The helicopter deployed their rescue swimmer and rescued the crew of three, and retrieved the EPIRB.					
18 July	66.03° N 098.05° W	Maritime Canoe	CMCC	7 / 7	121.5 MHz
Details					
<u>Hudson Bay, Canada</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>only alert</u>		
Sarsat formed a case approximately 110 miles Northwest of Baker Lake, Ontario. A hercules located 7 persons, 3 of which lost their canoe and gear. Persons on the ground used a marine EPIRB to indicate their distress. All persons were evacuated to Baker Lake Health Center.					
18 July	21.23° N 020.58° W	Maritime Leisure craft Beach Comber (Sweden)	NMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Mauritania</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>		
The vessel had a broken mast and was adrift; the vessel was assisted by a merchant ship which was sailing close to the area.					

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
18 July	71.21° N 155.93° W	PLB Vessel (USA)	USMCC	5 / 5	406 MHz

Details

19 nm East of Barrow, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
North Slope Borough SAR received a VHF radio call from a vessel that was taking on water. The transmission was garbled and the vessel was originally thought to be 60 nm East of Barrow, but the Cospas-Sarsat alert indicated the vessel was 19 nm East of Barrow. NSBSAR issued an emergency broadcast and a nearby vessel (Nanook) effected the rescue. The vessel in distress was taking on water and the 5 people onboard were throwing everything (camping equipment, caribou, etc.) overboard to keep from sinking. They were able to run the vessel aground and make some repairs. The assisting vessel took half the load off the vessel in distress and they were able to make it to port safely.

19 July	35.93° N 009.56° W	Maritime Merchant vessel Ursula C (Cyprus)	FMCC	9 / 9	406 MHz
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Details

Portugal Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The vessel sunk. No other details available.

19 July	36.50° N 009.56° W	Maritime Motor vessel (Cyprus)	ITMCC	9 / 9	406 MHz
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Details

Portugal SRR area Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The motor vessel sunk.

19 July	53.68° N 005.10° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Scathros (UK)	UKMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Belfast Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The fishing vessel Scathros sunk. The 2 POB were rescued by another fishing vessel.

20 July	Bay Svetlaya	Maritime Fishing Vessel Alma (Russia)	CMC	17 / 17	406 MHz
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Details

Bay Svetlaya, Russia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The Alma vessel was arrested by the Russian frontier vessel in the Bay Svetlaya. The crew of the fishing vessel sunk the vessel deliberately. All member of the crew were safe and on the frontier vessel.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
21 July	39.00° S 146.53° E	PLB Hiking party	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz

DetailsWilsons Promontory area, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A rescue helicopter was tasked from La Trobe Valley and located a hiking party at Refuge Cove with one member suffering a suspected broken ankle. The patient was transported to La Trobe Valley Base Hospital.

21 July	61.15° N 153.12° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsLake Clark, Alaska, USACospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The Alaskan RCC had received an overdue notice for an aircraft just prior to the Sarsat alert. AKRCC dispatched a C-130 fixed wing aircraft and an HH-60 helicopter to the coordinates and located an aircraft that had flipped on landing. The PJs retrieved the pilot and took him to safety. The pilot was flying from McGrath to Kenai, Alaska when visibility deteriorated to the point where he decided to land in a spot that he thought looked safe. It happened to be a swampy area and he flipped on landing.

22 July	35.53° N 140.83° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Wei Hang 9 (Malta)	JAMCC	21 / 16	406 MHz
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Detailsoff Inubou-saki, JapanCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The JCG radio station received a distress message from the merchant vessel Kaijinmaru on VHF CH16 stating that she had collided with an unknown vessel. Then JAMCC received a 406 MHz alert transmitted from the Cargo vessel Wei Hang 9/9HQG confirming the collision. The JCG dispatched some patrol vessels and aircraft to the position immediately. The Wei Hang 9 sank. 16 of the 21 crew were rescued by the Kaijinmaru but the remaining 5 crew were missing.

23 July	36.05° S 147.35° E	PLB Motorcycle rider	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details92 nm Northeast Melbourne, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

SAR aircraft were tasked and police advised. Victorian Air Ambulance advised that a medical helicopter was attending a motorbike accident in the rugged Victorian alps to the East of Mt Buller - some 70 nm from the Cospas-Sarsat position. SAR aircraft confirmed that the motorbike crash was the subject of the activated distress beacon. The injured motor cyclist was transported to hospital.

23 July	69.55° N 139.51° W	Maritime Vessel	CMCC	5 / 5	121.5 MHz
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DetailsNorth West Territories, CanadaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

Sarsat formed a case near Hershel Island, YK. An investigation turned up a family camping in the area. One vessel was found disabled but locals were assisting the family to fix it.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
25 July	37.71° N 025.73° W	Maritime Sailing vessel See You Later (France)	FMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz

Details

Portugal Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The Sailing yacht, See You Later, was in the race Dourse des Hortancias, when it suffered keel damage.

26 July	21.93° S 114.33° E	Maritime Cabin cruiser	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Off Exmouth, Western Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
A beacon was detected by satellite in the Onslow and Exmouth area of Western Australia. WA Police advised that they were conducting a mission for a lost 5.4 meter cabin cruiser in the area. They requested the vessel activate a beacon to assist with it's location. WA police maintained coordination of the incident and AusSAR assisted in tasking a helicopter from Learmonth and providing satellite based beacon position information. A sea-rescue vessel departed Exmouth to assist, located the vessel and effected the rescue.

26 July	61.60° N 005.20° E	Aviation Airplane	NMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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Details

Floro Airport, Norway Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The airplane went off the runway during landing at the Norwegian airfield.

26 July	39.12° N 073.93° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Once Aroung Again (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

18 nm Southeast of atlantic City, New Jersey, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
LantArea Rescue Coordination Center received a 406 MHz alert when the EPIRB was manually activated because a person on board the fishing vessel Once Around Again experienced chest pains. A HH-60 was diverted to assist the crewman.

27 July	19.48° N 071.33° E	Maritime Vessel (India)	INMCC	385 / 355	406 MHz
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Details

160 km off Mumbai, India Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
It is thought the vessel hit the ONGC platform due to bad weather (2 days of heavy rain). The vessel and platform caught fire, destroying both vessel and oil producing platform.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
27 July	48.30° N 125.60° W	Maritime Vessel (Canada)	USMCC	4 / 2	406 MHz

Details30 nm West of Cape Flattery, Washington, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

There was no registration data with the corresponding alert message. RCC Victoria did have registry information and informed Coast Guard District 13 the vessel was the Canadian-flagged, 76 ft fishing vessel Ocean Tor. D13 diverted an Airstation Port Angeles HH-65 and the CGC Active, both already on patrol in the area, and Group Port Angeles issued a UMIB. The HH-65 arrived on scene and discovered the vessel capsized with one person standing on the keel. The HH-65 directed the nearby Canadian fishing vessel Osprey No. 01 to rescue the man from the vessel's keel. While en route, the Osprey No. 01 located a second man in the water approximately 200 yards from the Ocean Tor, and safely pulled him aboard, then recovered the master from the vessel's keel. Group Port Angeles launched an MLB and dispatched a second Airstation HH-65 to assist with the search efforts. The HH-65 continued to search for remaining people in the water. One of the recovered people reported they saw one crew member face down in the water, and the other crewmember still afloat and alive on the opposite side of the vessel. The HH-65 deployed a Data Marker Bouy and continued its search with no signs of distress. The Osprey No. 01 departed the scene enroute to Ucluelet, B.C. to return the two recovered crew members. The first HH-65 departed the scene and the second HH-65 and MLB arrived on scene and commenced searching. No signs of survivors were found.

27 July	58.90° N 137.99° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	6 / 6	121.5/243 MHz
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Details60 nm Southeast of Yakutat, Alaska, USACospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The beacon was activated when a plane belonging to a private company and sent by the Coast Guard to pick up three people stranded on a beach flipped on landing. A second plane sent to the same area became stuck in the sand. At the same time that CGD17 received the Cospas-Sarsat alert they received an overdue notice on the first plane. CGD17 launched an HH60 helicopter to the location indicated in the alert and retrieved six people from the beach.

30 July	19.25° S 146.76° E	Maritime Runabout	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsOff Tully, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Aircraft reported hearing a beacon which was subsequently detected by satellite off Tully, Queensland. A rescue helicopter diverted to the area and located an anchored runabout apparently disable. Co-ordination of the incident was handed to Cairns Water Police who tasked a volunteer rescue vessel to tow them back to Mourilyan.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
30 July	11.36° N 043.01° E	Aviation Helicopter F-MCMB (France)	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz

DetailsDjiboutiCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The helicopter crashed in the desert. No one was hurt.

30 July	21.95° N 120.11° E	Maritime Fishing vessel (Chinese Taipei)	TAMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsLuzan StraitCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The 2 POB were rescued by a nearby fishing boat before the SAR patrol vessel arrived on the site.

31 July	11.83° S 130.55° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsBathurst Island, Northern Territory, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

During the night AUMCC detected a distress beacon signal about 5 nm South Southwest of Bathurst Island township. Northern Territory Police were contacted and they advised that there was an overdue turtle hunting party from Bathurst Island. SAR aircraft were tasked to conduct a beacon homing. Due to the state of the tide rescue vessels could not be launched. No helicopters were available in the Darwin/Bathurst Island area. At midnight the aircraft reported homing to the beacon and could see flashing lights. Coordination was transferred to NT Police. NT Police later confirmed that the vessel was stuck on a sand bank, and rescue had been effected.

03 August	43.03° N 144.78° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Daieimaru No. 15 (Japan)	JAMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsAkkeshi-bay, JapanCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The JCG received aground information from the Daieimaru No. 15 by domestic satellite phone. The JAMCC also received 406 MHz alerts transmitted from the vessel. The JCG dispatched a patrol vessel to the detected position immediately and commenced search and rescue operation. As a result all of the crew were rescued by her sister ship.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
07 August	29.18° N 084.88° W	Maritime Dive boat Terminator (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details

40 nm South Apalachicola, Florida, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Coast Guard District 8 RCC launched an HU-25 Falcon jet to the site. On arrival, the jet crew located the strobe light on the EPIRB. They communicated with the merchant vessel Vigilant, and vectored them to the life raft containing the skipper of the 38 ft dive boat Terminator that sank. The skipper was retrieved in stable condition and brought to safety by the Vigilant.

09 August	52.83° N 003.16° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Jacoba Alijda Netherlands	FMCC	6 / 6	406 MHz
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Details

The Netherlands Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The Jacoba Alijda collided with the tanker Shinoussa. The Jacoba Alijda started taking on water and all 6 POB were rescued by the fishing vessel St. Antony. Also reported by the UKMCC.

09 August	33.70° N 132.25° E	Maritime Motor vessel (Cyprus)	ITMCC	15 / 14	406 MHz
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Details

Yellow Sea Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
Ship sank after collision.

10 August	33.05° N 132.23° E	Maritime Vessel Asia Concerto (Cyprus)	JAMCC	15 / 14	406 MHz
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Details

15 nm South Southeast of Yanai, Hiroshima-Pref, Japan Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The JCG radio station received a distress message from the merchant vessel Pine Pia on VHF CH16 that she collided with the Asia Concerto. The JAMCC also received 406 MHz alerts transmitted from the Asia Concerto. The JCG dispatched a patrol vessel and aircraft to the detected position immediately. As a result of the collision the Asia Concerto sank. 14 of the 15 crew were rescued by rescue ship but the remaining 1 crewmember was missing.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
12 August	19.46° S 149.36° E	Maritime Dory FVXZ2	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsKnuckle Reef, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

A dual frequency initial detection was received just before last light in the Whitsunday area. Approximately 20 minutes later the operator of the fishing vessel Bonnie Anne reported a missing dory with 1 POB near Black Reef. A rescue helicopter was tasked and located the missing dory. The crew then vectored in a second dory from the Bonnie Anne to recover the broken down vessel and crewman back to the mothership.

12 August	24.21° S 132.90° E	PLB Vehicle	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsFinki River, Northern Territory, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Aircraft in the Alice Springs area reported hearing a distress beacon signal. The police airwing fixed-wing aircraft at Alice Springs was tasked to track the distress beacon. The Cospas-Sarsat system produced an initial alert 60 nm Southwest of Alice Springs. A helicopter with a paramedic onboard was also tasked from Alice Springs. The distress beacon was homed by the fixed-wing aircraft to a position near the Finke River, South of Hermannsburg, where a bogged campervan with two foreign tourists were sighted. The helicopter landed nearby and confirmed that both persons had no medical conditions and had adequate food and water. Co-ordination was transferred to Police, with Hermannsburg Police attending to free the vehicle.

14 August	10.38° S 142.55° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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DetailsTwin Island, Torres Strait, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Aircraft reported hearing a beacon in the Torres Strait area, which was subsequently detected by a satellite pass. An army aircraft operating in the area was tasked to home the beacon. Two persons were sighted on Twin Island waving their hands and they then activated a flare. The crew delivered water supplies and a message advising of a hut located on the island. A rescue helicopter was tasked from Horn Island and rescued the two persons. The survivors reported that their dinghy had sunk and they had swam to Twin Islands, and activated a distress beacon.

16 August	11.80° S 130.98° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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DetailsMelville Island, Northern Territory, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Satellite system detected an EPIRB and resolved the position to just off Onkalji Beach, on Melville Island. A SAR aircraft was tasked and located a 4.5-meter white boat with 2 POB. An orange smoke float was activated by them and VHF CH16 communication established that both persons were injured and required medical assistance. Apparently the boat had run aground and in the aftermath one person suffered a suspected broken leg while the second person had a possible broken hand and cheekbone. SAR aircraft remained overhead, whilst Bell 206 helicopter landed on the beach nearby and transported both people safely to Darwin hospital.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
16 August	17.21° S 123.41° E	PLB Vehicle	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsDerby area, Western AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Sarsat detected a dual frequency beacon. Local helicopter operator tasked and located a bogged 4-wheel drive vehicle with one person. The vehicle had been bogged for four days and the one person associated with it had run out of water. The gentlemen was evacuated back to Derby.

16 August	38.65° N 141.90° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Daiteimaru No. 15 (Japan)	JAMCC	15 / 15	406 MHz
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Details19.5 nm Northeast of Kinka-san, JapanCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The JCG dispatched some patrol vessels and an aircraft to the detected position immediately and informed this information to the sister ship of the Daiteimaru No. 15. The Kyouseimaru No. 1 found her sister ship and rescued 9 crew members the remaining 6 were rescued by the JCG patrol vessel.

17 August	44.60° S 170.35° E	Aviation Helicopter	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsFranz Joseph Glacier, New ZealandCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The helicopter crashed on Franz Joseph Glacier. The 2 POB survived the accident.

17 August	38.93° N 129.33° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Yong Ning No. 7 (China)	CNMCC	19 / 19	406 MHz
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DetailsYellow SeaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The cargo vessel Yong Nini No. 7 capsized in Level 9 winds. All 19 crew were rescued by a Chinese safety vessel in the area.

18 August	13.98° S 136.46° E	Maritime Small vessel	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsGroote Eylandt, Northern Territory, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Reports of aircraft hearing a beacon in Groote Eylandt area and subsequent detection by satellite system North of Groote Eylandt. SAR aircraft tasked from Darwin and helicopter tasked from Gove. Aircraft located two vessels tethered together with one person on each pointing to motor. Location details were passed to a police vessel to recover the two vessels safely.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
18 August	29.83° N 085.79° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Miss Donna J (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz

Details

19 nm Southwest of Panama City, Florida, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
Coast Guard District 8 RCC used the registration data to call the owner of the fishing vessel Miss Donna J, who then contacted the master of the vessel via cell phone. The boat's position was relayed to the Coast Guard who dispatched an HU-25 Falcon jet to the position. Here the jet crew found the vessel without electrical power and communications. The jet crew dropped two dewatering pumps to a Coast Guard vessel that had arrived on scene to assist. The Miss Donna J was dewatered, power was restored, and the vessel made it to port in Apalachicola, Florida.

20 August	22.20° S 152.26° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Mistral	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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Details

Swains Reef, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
SAR aircraft were tasked from Mackay, with a rescue helicopter from Rockhampton. The fixed-wing aircraft located a liferaft with lots of debris surrounding it and reported persons alive in the raft who had fired a flare. The rescue helicopter arrived a short time later, winched a crewman down and confirmed from the two survivors that there were no other persons missing. The mistral had sunk quickly after hitting an unknown object. Both survivors were winched and transported to safety. The survivors had advised that there was a shark circling which had tried to eat the EPIRB whilst in the water. It was quickly retrieved into the liferaft!

20 August	18.61° N 155.68° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Cheer Arrow (Panama)	JAMCC	23 / 23	406 MHz
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Details

1140 nm South Southeast of Nojima-saki, Japan Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The JCG dispatched some patrol vessels and aircrafts to the detected position and requested the vessels Ocean Arrow and Amver System to assist in the search operation. The Ocean Arrow found the distressed Cheer Arrow and rescued all the crew.

24 August	59.13° N 007.50° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Cap St. Jean France	UKMCC	18 / 11	406 MHz
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Details

North Atlantic Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The vessel was still afloat. 7 crew members stayed onboard whilst the remaining crew members were evacuated as a precaution.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
26 August	12.35° S 131.68° E	Aviation Helicopter VH-FHZ B206 (Australia)	AUMCC	1 / 0	406 MHz

DetailsTommy Cut Creek, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)

A 406 MHz detection was received by RCC Australia. Enquiries with Jayrows helicopters revealed that one of their company helicopters VH-FHZ B06 had crashed while performing sling loading. The single pilot who had received back and facial injuries was transferred to Wildman River Station by a second company helicopter then transported by NT Aero Medical back to Darwin.

26 August	36.21° S 148.11° E	Aviation Aircraft Grumman Tiger VH-IGJ	AUMCC	2 / 0	121.5 MHz
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DetailsKhancoban, New South Wales, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)

Aircraft flying between Melbourne and Canberra reported hearing a beacon on 121.5 MHz. Shortly afterwards reports started to come in of a possible aircraft crash in the Khancoban area. Enquiries established the VH-IGJ a Grumman Tiger had suffered an engine failure after take-off and had crash landed on a road near Khancoban airfield. Local police, fire and ambulance all attended and advised that the pilot and his passenger were uninjured. The ELT was active in the aircraft, however, the pilot was advised not to attempt to enter the aircraft to deactivate the beacon due to leaking fuel. The fuel was later drained from the aircraft and the beacon was deactivated.

26 August	24.56° N 083.28° W	Maritime Vessel Mary Lynn (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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Details17 nm Northwest of Dry Tortugas, Florida, USACospas-Sarsat provided [first alert](#)

Coast Guard District 7 RCC launched an HH-60 helicopter and a C-130 fixed wing aircraft to the site. On arrival they hoisted 3 people from the vessel Mary Lynn that was in the trailing edge of Hurricane Katrina's eye wall.

26 August	25.08° N 082.31° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Mr. Natural (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details15 nm Northwest of Key West, Florida, USACospas-Sarsat provided [only alert](#)

Coast Guard District 7 RCC launched an HH-60 helicopter and a C-130 fixed wing aircraft to the site. On arrival they hoisted 2 people from the vessel Mr. Natural that was in the trailing edge of Hurricane Katrina's eye wall.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
28 August	57.55° N 000.47° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Harvest Hope (UK)	UKMCC	7 / 7	406 MHz
Details					
<u>60 miles Northeast Aberdeen, Scotland</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>no assistance</u>		
A rescue helicopter was scrambled to the fishing vessel Harvest Hope with 7 POB. The vessel was listing and there was a possibility of the crew abandoning ship. The Rig Support Vessel Dea Mariner was en-route. The crew were rescued by a surface vessel and the helicopter was recalled.					
28 August	60.70° N 001.20° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Vertile II (UK)	UKMCC	5 / 5	406 MHz
Details					
<u>East of Sumburgh, UK</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>no assistance</u>		
The vessel sunk. 5 POB were rescued by another vessel.					
29 August	55.33° N 131.68° W	Maritime Kayak (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Tongass Narrows, Ketchikan, Alaska, USA</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>		
Coast Guard District 17 RCC launched two CG small boats to the site where they located an intoxicated Kayaker sitting in 2 inches of water shooting off flares. The Kayaker was taken to shore where local EMS transported him to the local hospital for treatment of mild hypothermia.					
29 August	61.52° N 152.84° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	4 / 4	121.5/243 MHz
Details					
<u>70 nm West Northwest of Anchorage, Alaska, USA</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>supporting data</u>		
The Alaska RCC received initial reports of the signal through ANC Center from aircraft in the area. These reports were followed shortly by the Sarsat data. The 210th ANG Rescue quadron launched an HH-60 to the crash site where they retrieved 4 people and transported them to the hospital. The extent of their injuries was unknown. According to AKRCC, the Sarsat data was very useful in locating the downed aircraft.					
30 August	21.35° S 116.05° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	2 / 0	121.5 MHz
Details					
<u>Southwest Karratha, Western Australia</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided <u>first alert</u>		
Satellite detection of a beacon to the west of Karratha. Search aircraft tasked, and a Supa Puma helicopter tasked to act as a winch equipped rescue asset. As the first aircraft arrived in the area the beacon ceased to transmit. Information received that a small vessel had been broken down in the area and activated their beacon. The vessel had then fixed the problem and deactivated the beacon.					

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
30 August	34.85° S 132.65° E	Maritime Yacht Windana III (Australia)	AUMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz

Details

Great Australian Bight, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
RCC notified by Coast Radio Melbourne that they were receiving a Mayday call on HF radio from the moto sailor Windana III with 2 POB. The 12-metre vessel had been knocked down in severe weather and was taking on water. The crew were instructed to stay on the vessel as long as possible and activate their 406 MHz EPIRB. A USAF aircraft was diverted to the area and after establishing communications with the distress vessel, was able to hold overhead. The fishing vessel Riba II responded to the maritime broadcast and was tasked to the distress position with an ETA of approximately 10 hours. A P3C was tasked with liferaft equipment. The Riba II rescued the two persons the next morning.

30 August	43.60° S 170.63° E	PLB Hiker	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

South Island, New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The beacon was acitvated by an injured hiker, who was medevaced to hospital.

30 August	11.66° S 148.53° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Tamatia (France)	FMCC	8 / 8	406 MHz
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Details

French Polynesia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The Tamatia was suffering with engine problems. The fishing vessel Vini Vini9 delivered a new generator to the Tamatia.

31 August	48.48° N 010.28° E	Aviation Aircraft OE-ATB	FMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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Details

Germany Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The aircraft crashed. 1 POB was injured in the incident.

03 September	38.00° S 173.36° E	Aviation Microlite	AUMCC	1 / 0	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
RCCNZ advised the source of the beacon was a crashed microlite aircraft on a property near Auckland. The pilot was OK.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
04 September	62.07° N 154.67° W	Aviation Aircraft (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz

Details

30 nm South of McGrath, Alaska, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
 AKRCC launched an ANG HH-60 helicopter and a C-130, but the weather was too severe for the helicopter and it returned to base. The C-130 arrived on site and dropped flares to get the attention of the people in distress. They established radio communication with and determined the aircraft had crashed and flipped over. No injuries were sustained by the three people on board. They said the only assistance they needed was for the C-130 to call their company so that they could assist them.

05 September	63.46° N 004.58° E	Aviation Jetfighter SU-33 (Russia)	NMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

North Sea Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
 The Russian jetfighter crashed in the sea during landing on a hanger ship, the pilot was picked up without injury.

05 September	51.71° N 004.45° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Emma Louise (UK)	UKMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Southwest Wales Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
 The vessel had 3 beacons aboard. The first alert was seen 0340z, however the second beacon was detected by MSG-1. Rescue helicopter R169 from Chivenor arrived on task and rescued 2 POB and took them to Swansea Morriston Hospital.

06 September	Parachique	Maritime Fishing vessel Andina IV (Peru)	PEMCC	8 / 8	406 MHz
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Details

Parachique, Peru Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
 The fishing vessel ran aground. The fishing boat Andean 1 towed the Andina IV to the Port of Bayovar.

06 September	39.53° N 014.56° E	Maritime Sailing vessel Tana Dei Lupi (Spain)	SPMCC	8 / 8	406 MHz
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Details

Mallorca Island, Spain Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
 The Tana Dei Lupi was drifting. The rescue vessel Acrux towed the stranded vessel to Port Andratx.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
07 September	13.75° S 126.31° E	Maritime Yacht Wathara III	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz

Details

Trougton Island, Western Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
 CHC helicopters at Truscott were tasked for beacon homing, and the Australian customs vessel Corio Bay was tasked to the position. The helicopter made contact with the yacht on VHF Channel 16. The vessel was on it's side on the reef, 1 POB had possible rib fractures and was subsequently rescued by the customs vessel.

07 September	52.09° N 010.26° E	Aviation Aircraft	FMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Germany Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
 The aircraft crashed.

07 September	62.33° N 153.72° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Near Farewell, Alaska, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
 The ELT was activated when an aircraft became stuck in the mud. Shortly after AKRCC launched a CAP aircraft based on the Sarsat data. They received updated coordinates of the distressed aircraft through the FAA from another aircraft which was flying overhead. The CAP aircraft located the distressed aircraft and stayed on scene until another plane that belonged to the same company as the distressed aircraft arrived to recover the stranded personnel.

08 September	37.13° N 025.81° E	Maritime Motor vessel (Greece)	ITMCC	6 / 6	406 MHz
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Donousa Island, Greece Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
 Mechanical failure.

09 September	32.10° S 115.88° E	Aviation Aircraft VH-BDO G115	AUMCC	2 / 0	121.5/243 MHz
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1 nm from Jandakot airport, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
 WA police informed the RCC of an aircraft crash about 1 nm off Jandakot airport, where the beacon had activated. The emergency services were in attendance. The 2 POB escaped with only minor cuts.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
11 September	33.93° S 150.98° E	Aviation Aircraft VH-CLS	AUMCC	3 / 0	121.5 MHz

DetailsBankstown, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

Bankstown Tower advised that VH-CLS C172 had suffered an engine failure and crashed after take-off and the beacon had activated. The aerodrome emergency procedures had been actioned. The 3 POB were reported to be safe.

12 September	48.56° N 051.18° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Melina & Keith	CMCC	8 / 4	406 MHz
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DetailsNorth Atlantic OceanCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

No contact made with the registered owners or the vessel. SAR located the vessel with 4 persons in the water and 4 others missing.

13 September	18.28° S 076.25° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Neyhel (Peru)	PEMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
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Details173 miles from Puerto Ilo, PeruCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The fishing boat had mechanical problems with 4 POB. The Coastguard Maritime Ship Bap Huarmey towed the vessel into the Port of Matarani.

13 September	64.17° N 150.49° W	Aviation Paper PA-18	USMCC	3 / 3	121.5/243 MHz
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Details70 nm Southwest of Fairbanks, Alaska, USACospas-Sarsat provided only alert

AKRCC dispatched the CAP to the site. On arrival the CAP located a Piper PA-18 aircraft that had crashed and flipped over. All 3 people aboard were uninjured. The Army 68th Medco unit out of Ft. Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska, dispatched a UH-60A helicopter to the location and successfully recovered the 3 people in distress.

15 September	55.03° N 023.00° E	Aviation Jetfighter SU-27 (Russia)	NMCC	1 / Unk	121.5 MHz
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DetailsLithuaniaCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

The Jetfighter crashed into the ground. No other details are available.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
16 September	Unlocated	Maritime Yacht Cracker Jack (South Africa)	ASMCC	Unk / 6	406 MHz

Details

Unlocated Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
 The yacht went missing while taking part in the Mauritius to Durban race. Only one burst of data was received. The abandoned hull was found in February 2006.

16 September	14.81° N 060.88° W	Maritime Fishing vessel La Décidée (France)	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

West French Indies Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
 The fishing vessel La Décidée suffered engine problems and was towed by the fishing vessel Jusqu'au bout.

16 September	English Channel	Maritime Sailing vessel PV Wavetrain (UK)	UKMCC	Unk / Unk	406 MHz
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Details

English Channel Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
 The Wavetrain collided with another vessel and damaged its mast. Falmouth MCA were aware of this incident before beacon activation.

18 September	16.88° S 039.56° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Mieke (South Africa)	ASMCC	6 / 6	406 MHz
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Details

South Atlantic Ocean Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
 The Mieke fishing vessel sank. The crew reached the shore by means of a rubber duck.

18 September	09.38° S 143.23° E	Maritime Small craft Nikki	AUMCC	5 / 5	121.5 MHz
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Yorke Islands, Torres Strait, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
 A distress beacon was detected in the Torres Strait in the vicinity of the Warrior Reef. This was followed by a report from police on Thursday Island of an overdue 5 metre vessel with 4 adults and 1 child onboard. The vessel departed Darnley Island and was making for Yorke Island. Police at Yorke Island later sighted a vessel between Campbell and Keats Island which had fired a flare. This was later confirmed by the rescue helicopter to be the overdue vessel and the source of the distress signal. Assistance was provided by Yorke Island Police and the beacon switched off.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
24 September	43.31° S 171.03° E	PLB Climbers	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz

Details

Lake Heron, South Island, New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
RCC NZ advised that a party of 4 climbers had been caught in an avalanche. One of the party had suffered an thigh injury. All four were airlifted by helicopter.

25 September	50.90° N 042.26° W	Maritime Vessel Little Murka	CMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

North Atlantic Ocean Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
A 406 MHz beacon alert from a kite powered atlantic crossing record attempt was received. SAR found the boat with 1 POB. The person was recovered and the boat towed to St. John's Newfoundland.

25 September	35.23° N 008.83° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Oso Polar (Spain)	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Larache, Morocco Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
After suffering a water leak, the two POB tried to request assistance via radio, but they found battery problems, so finally decided to activate the EPIRB was in Morocco Service Area, the rescue was coordinated by the Spanish MCC, which sent a helicopter and diverted another vessel to the distress area, too. Also reported by France.

25 September	13.43° N 060.58° W	Maritime Cargo vessel Evontim (USA)	USMCC	8 / 8	406 MHz
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Details

off Coast of St. Vincent Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Lantarea RCC reported the crew onboard the merchant vessel Evontim activated their EPIRB after they started taking on water. The vessel had also contacted a coastal radio station. The master stated the crew would be abandoning ship into life rafts. St. Vincent authorities were able to recover all 8 persons from the life raft.

26 September	29.05° N 029.40° E	PLB Motor bike	ALMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Egypt Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
Rally Pharaons 2005.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
26 September	29.26° N 030.13° E	PLB Motor bike	ALMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

DetailsEgypt

Rally Pharaons 2005.

Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert

26 September	10.01° S 142.86° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	5 / 5	121.5 MHz
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DetailsSassie Island, Torres Strait, Australia

The coastwatch helicopter was airborne and homed to the beacon position, locating a broken down dinghy with 5 POB. Thursday Island Water Police organised for the vessel to be towed to Yam Island.

Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert

26 September	39.71° N 033.45° E	Maritime Yacht Montarto (Spain)	SPMCC	6 / 6	406 MHz
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DetailsBalearics Island, Spain

After suffering problems with their anchor the yacht was towed to Cala Ratjada.

Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert

27 September	28.51° N 027.23° E	PLB Motor bike	ALMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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DetailsLibya

Rally pharaons 2005

Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert

27 September	33.24° N 077.97° W	Maritime Fishing vessel (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details41 nm Southeast of Cape Fear, USA

Lantarea received a 406 MHz alert after the commercial fishing vessel No Sweat took on water and the crew manually activated their EPIRB. The two crew members abandoned ship and were located in a life raft and recovered by an HH-65 from Air Station Charleston.

Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
28 September	34.43° S 058.15° W	Aviation Piper aircraft PA-46 Malibu (Argentina)	ARMCC	5 / 5	406 MHz

DetailsPlata River, Province of Buenos Aires, ArgentinaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A Piper aircraft had difficulty flying due to bad weather conditions and safely landed on water in the Plata River. There were no injuries to the pilot or passengers.

28 September	36.41° S 150.06° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz
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DetailsLake Wallaga, New South Wales, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

An emergency beacon signal was heard by aircraft and then detected by AUMCC. The Aerial Patrol was tasked to locate the source of the distress beacon and police assistance was requested on the ground as the weather precluded the use of a rescue helicopter. The vessel was eventually located overturned on Lake Wallaga near Bermagui. The police rescued 4 people.

28 September	59.07° N 147.84° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Vega (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsGulf of Alaska, USACospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

CGD17 reported the beacon was registered to the sailing vessel Hippo Campus, but was aboard the sailing vessel Vega. Vega was disabled in heavy seas and both people onboard had sustained minor injuries due to falls during heavy seas. A helicopter, fixed wing, and cutter were dispatched to the scene to assist. The CG cutter Long Island towed the vessel to Whittier, Alaska.

30 September	66.56° N 147.49° W	Aviation Citation 550 jet	USMCC	4 / 4	121.5/243 MHz
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Details15 nm Northwest of Beaver, Alaska, USACospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The Alaska RCC received the alert and immediately after that received a call from the FSS that an aircraft had dropped off their radar. The AKRCC dispatched the Army 68th Medco unit (UH-60A helicopter) out of Ft. Wainwright, Fairbanks, Alaska, to the site, where they located a twin engine Citation 550 jet aircraft that had crashed due to dual engine failure caused by icing. The 4 people aboard the aircraft were retrieved and taken to safety.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
01 October	16.88° S 138.98° E	Maritime Dinghy	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz

Details

Mornington Island, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
AUMCC detected a beacon in the Mornington Island area. A local aircraft diverted 30 nm off track and homed to the beacon position locating a disabled dinghy with 2 POB displaying a V-sheet. The local VMR tasked a surface response and towed the distressed dinghy to Mornington Island.

02 October	27.98° N 094.40° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Sante Fe (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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80 nm South Southeast of Freeport, Texas, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Coast Guard District Eight received a 406 MHz alert from the fishing vessel Sante Fe when the EPIRB was manually activated and thrown overboard by a crewmember due to a shipmate onboard sustaining a head injury from rope laceration. An HH-65 from Houston and an HU-25 from Corpus Christi, Texas were diverted on scene with a flight surgeon. The injured crewman was Medvaced with a five inch cut across his forehead. His bleeding and heart rate were under control.

02 October	Florida	Maritime Vessel Islander (USA)	USMCC	5 / 5	406 MHz
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Details

Florida, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Coast Guard District Seven received a 406 MHz alert from the vessel Islander when the EPIRB was manually activated due to engine problems and the vessel being adrift. The Coast Guard diverted an HH-65 and the Coast Guard Cutter Farollon to the scene. The Farollon towed the vessel to port.

03 October	40.08° S 149.50° E	Maritime Yacht Spirit of Steel	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5 MHz
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65 nm east of Flinders Island, Tasmania Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Bureau of Meteorology at Melbourne advised that they had received a call by satphone from the 10.5-metre steel sloop in distress 55 nm East of Flinders Island, Tasmania. Two rescue helicopter from Victoria were arranged to relocate to Flinders Island. Three vessels, Brid Voyager, Bluefin and Iron Sturt, were also tasked to assist. One injured crewman was winched at first light and taken to Flinders Island for later transfer to Latrobe Valley Hospital by Helimed 1 and the two remaining crew were also winched shortly afterwards and taken to Flinders Island. The distress vessel was taken in tow by Brid Voyager to St. Helens, Tasmania.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
04 October	45.44° S 067.20° W	Maritime Pleasure boat San Daniel (Argentina)	ARMCC	7 / 7	406 MHz

DetailsProvince of Chubut, ArgentinaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The maritime RCC Puerto Belgrano received an alert message from the EPIRB of San Daniel, when the vessel began taking on water by mechanical problems in the main engine. All POB were rescued by a Coast Guard Ship.

04 October	31.25° N 007.51° W	Aviation PA28 aircraft (Switzerland)	FMCC	4 / 0	406 MHz
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DetailsMoroccoCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The aircraft crashed. All 4 POB died.

04 October	20.00° N 155.85° W	Maritime Pleasure cruiser Nutcracker (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details2 nm South of Kawaihae, HawaiiCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Coast Guard District Fourteen received an unlocated 406 MHz distress alert registered to the pleasure cruiser Nutcracker. CGD14 personnel called the contact numbers and were informed the owner left Kawaihae to fish near the Kohala coastline. The Coast Guard received a report of flares sighted 2 nm South of Kawaihae harbour. Hawaii County fire department diverted a helicopter to the scene and located the capsized vessel with two people in the water. A C-130 was diverted to provide cover. The pleasure cruiser Kiana Kai arrived on the scene and recovered the two crewmen. The pleasure cruiser Sea Fern towed the capsized vessel into Kawaihae harbour.

05 October	26.73° S 010.30° E	Maritime Yacht NautiGal (South Africa)	ASMCC	3 / 1	406 MHz
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DetailsSouthern OceanCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The NautiGal yacht collided with the merchant vessel Tristan during a rescue attempt.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
05 October	28.53° N 090.91° W	Maritime Vessel Norman B (USA)	USMCC	6 / 6	406 MHz

Details54 nm West of Louisiana, USACospas-Sarsat provided first alert

Coast Guard District Eight received a 406 MHz alert from the vessel Norman B after the crew activated the EPIRB because the vessel was taking on water. An HH-65 and HU-25 located the vessel and dropped 2 pumps for de-watering. The vessel is safely enroute to port.

06 October	33.75° S 150.50° E	PLB Motor cyclist	AUMCC	1 / 0	121.5 MHz
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DetailsWoodford Range, New South Wales, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The police were contacted after a satellite detection of a distress beacon in Katoomba. The police advised the RCC of a mountain bike accident near Woodforde (Blue Mountains) where the victim had activated his PLB. An ambulance was in attendance.

06 October	50.33° N 067.16° W	Aviation Ultralight C-FBQJ	CMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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DetailsQuebec, CanadaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The Ultralight crashed approximately 50 nm West of Sept Iles, with 2 POB. A Hdryo Quebec helicopter recovered the persons and transported them to a hydro sub station and then a hospital in Baie Comeau.

08 October	36.43° S 027.11° E	Maritime Tug Jupiter 6 J8B3049	ASMCC (St. Vincent & the Grenadins)	12 / 12	406 MHz
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DetailsSouthern OceanCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The Tug Jupiter 6 went missing while towing the hulk - merchant vessel Satsung. The hulk was sighted by a passing ship but no tug. Months later the EPIRB of the Jupiter 6 was detected. The area was searched but the tug was never found.

08 October	39.36° S 169.45° W	Maritime Yacht Jeanette Gay (New Zealand)	AUMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsNew ZealandCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

JRCC New Zealand responded to a real distress situation after the activation of a beacon in the Pacific Ocean. RCC Australia assisted the incident by monitoring the beacon movements. The rescue of 2 people was effected.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
08 October	25.28° N 121.50° E	Maritime Fishing vessel (Belize)	TAMCC	9 / 9	406 MHz

Details

5 nm North of King-San township, Taipei. Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The Taiwan RCC launched a helicopter to the site. All 9 crewmembers were rescued from the capsizing vessel.

09 October	39.03° S 175.86° E	PLB Trampers	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz
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Details

New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
RCC NZ advised they had located 4 trampers requiring medical assistance who had activated their beacon. All 4 trampers were rescued by helicopter.

11 October	18.40° S 146.33° E	PLB School hiking group	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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Details

Zoe Bay, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
A member of a school group on an hiking outing was injured. The injured person was evacuated by helicopter and taken to Ingham Hospital.

11 October	38.56° S 147.23° E	Maritime Yacht VKV6852 (Australia)	AUMCC	3 / 0	406 MHz
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Details

East of Wilsons Promanade, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The Victorian Water Police contacted RCC regarding the yacht XLR8 advising that it had suffered damage, had three persons onboard and that they were monitoring it's movement into Refuge Cove. Initially a 406 MHz EPIRB had been switched on due to the yacht taking on water. RCC Australia was later advised that the master had control of the situation and switched off his beacon. Communications support was provided by a rig tender. Victoria Police later advised that no further assistance was needed.

11 October	53.16° N 128.76° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Danny & David	CMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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North Pacific Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Prince Rupert MCTS issued Mayday relay and fishing vessel near incident responded and picked up all 3 crew members. All members in good condition and taken to Shearwater.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
12 October	23.75° S 152.21° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5 MHz

Details13 nm North of Lady Musgrave Island, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A rescue helicopter and VMR were tasked to respond to a beacon alert. The rescue helicopter located a vessel with 3 POB, broken down and requested a tow. A tow was arranged through the police who later reported the boat had been towed safely into Round Hill Creek.

14 October	64.77° N 149.75° W	Aviation Aircraft	USMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details15 nm West of Nenana, Alaska, USACospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The Alaska RCC notified the Alaska State Troopers (AST) of the alert and AST launched a helicopter to the location. On arrival they located a crashed homebuilt aircraft on a lake. They retrieved the uninjured pilot but due to thin ice they were unable to retrieve the ELT. They subsequently returned two days later to secure the ELT.

15 October	17.40° S 140.81° E	Maritime Fishing vessel	AUMCC	5 / 5	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsNear Karumba, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A beacon was detected by the Cospas-Sarsat system near Karumba, Queensland. An aircraft was tasked out of Normanton to undertake an aural homing and refined the beacon source to a 20 foot fishing vessel apparently anchored displaying a V-sheet with 5 POB. Karumba police were notified and headed out in the police vessel to effect a rescue.

16 October	24.53° S 132.70° E	PLB Vehicle	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsErnest Giles Track, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A satellite detected a beacon alert approximately 82 nm Southwest of Alice Springs. A police airwing aircraft was tasked for homing and located a vehicle surrounded by water in the vicinity of Palmer River. The vehicle had flashing hazard lights and signalled the aircraft with an SOS in morse code from the powerful spotlight. Coordination was transferred to the Alice Springs Police who mounted a surface response by a 4WD vehicle. Alice Springs police advised they had located a Landcruiser 4WD with 4 POB which had rolled. Fortunately there were no injuries to the occupants and police provided further assistance.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
16 October	27.60° S 122.21° E	PLB Vehicle	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsLaverton, Western AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

WA police were advised of the distress beacon in the Laverton area and an aircraft was configured to drop store if required. The aircraft located a broken down vehicle with no apparent injuries and a second vehicle was in attendance. The police vehicles were in close proximity. The matter was resolved and handed to WA police for the recovery aspects.

19 October	39.20° S 149.03° E	Maritime Yacht Schooner	AUMCC	4 / 0	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsBass Strait, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Cospas-Sarsat detected a 121.5 MHz EPIRB in Bass Strait. A Mayday call was received by Merchant ships in the vicinity. The vessel in distress was confirmed as the Schooner, Tonga. The vessel lost its rigging and suffered gearbox damage. The four persons on board were confirmed safe and well. The Master of the yacht requested to stay aboard the vessel and requested a tow. The Southern Condor was identified to conduct the tow, however subsequent information revealed the incident was not as urgent as first reported, and they returned to their planned passage. Approximately 1.5 hours later the Tasmanian Police advised that the Tonga had made another Mayday call and had reactivated its distress beacon. The Southern Condor was again diverted to assist and a fixed wing aircraft was tasked for communications relay. Once communications was re-established with the Tonga the Master was advised that all persons would be evacuated if the vessel was in distress. The Master later advised that no one was injured, and the vessel was not in danger so they would continue to make way for the coast. The vessel was later assisted by a local fishing boat into the harbour at Flinders Island.

20 October	22.56° S 151.58° E	Maritime Small craft Kara	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsMackay, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

Aircraft in the Mackay area reported hearing a distress beacon. The Mackay Marine Volunteer Rescue advised the RCC Australia that they had asked a broken down small vessel with two persons onboard to turn on their distress beacon as they were having problems finding the boat to tow it home. A helicopter was tasked and homed the beacon to the vessel Kara. The VMR vessel was directed to the Kara, and effected the tow.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
20 October	17.15° N 055.71° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Blue Feather (USA)	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz

DetailsWest French IndiesCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

First alert was by Iridium phone. Two people on a life raft were rescued by the merchant vessel Cala Pedra when their sailing vessel sunk.

20 October	06.31° N 003.40° E	Maritime Merchant vessel Ain Temouchent (Algeria)	SPMCC	31 / 31	406 MHz
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DetailsLagos, NigeriaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The beacon was activated after the vessel ran out of fuel. The beacon also transmitted the callsign of the vessel in Morse code.

21 October	17.86° S 138.43° E	PLB Vehicle	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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Details24 nm Northwest Doomagee, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A beacon was detected and resolved by AUMCC 20 nm to the Northwest of Doomagee (QLD). A drop equipped fixed wing aircraft was tasked out of Mt Isa (VH-HOA) and a helicopter was tasked out of Normanton to assist with the rescue. The Doomagee Police made enquiries and located a Camper Van bogged on a dirt track 20 km Northeast of Kingfisher Camp with an active beacon. The vehicle had been bogged for the last 24hrs. The beacon was turned off, and the rescue effected.

25 October	38.95° N 136.12° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Abound (Canada)	USMCC	4 / 4	406 MHz
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DetailsCalifornia, USACospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The EPIRB was activated on the fishing vessel Abound, which sunk 625 miles West of San Francisco. The people onboard entered a life raft and were picked up by the Amver vessel Cape Nelson.

26 October	49.26° N 122.36° W	Aviation Helicopter C-GCQT	CMCC	3 / 3	
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DetailsVictoria, CanadaCospas-Sarsat provided no assistance

Far West Helicopters reported Jet Ranger with 3 POB crashed 15nm Northwest of Chilliwick, B.C. The crash site was located by aircraft of opportunity. SAR Techs dropped to provide aid until evacuation units arrived.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
26 October	32.98° N 015.65° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Rêve d'Océan 4 (France)	FMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
Details					
<u>Portugal</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided	<u>only alert</u>	
The Portuguese Navy rescued two POB from the sailing vessel after engine failure.					
27 October	28.18° S 152.01° E	Aviation Helicopter VH-SUV H500	AUMCC	2 / 0	121.5 MHz
Details					
<u>Warwick, Australia</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided	<u>supporting data</u>	
Aircraft detection of a ELT and detection by satellite in the vicinity of Warwick. RCC received advice that a helicopter had made a forced landing just to the North of Warwick. The pilot was contacted and reported that the helicopter had suffered tail rotor damage in flight and had landed heavily, as a result the beacon activated. No injuries.					
29 October	16.78° S 139.11° E	Maritime Small craft	AUMCC	7 / 7	121.5/243 MHz
Details					
<u>Mornington Island, Australia</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided	<u>first alert</u>	
AUMCC beacon signal in vicinity of Mornington Island, QLD. A fixed wing aircraft from Burketown was tasked for beacon homing and a volunteer rescue boat from Mornington Island was mobilised. The vessel subsequently rescued 7 persons from two small boats in the vicinity of Forsyth Island. The boats had both suffered a fuel problem.					
31 October	20.75° S 174.83° W	Maritime Yacht (USA)	AUMCC	2 / 0	406 MHz
Details					
<u>New Zealand</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided	<u>first alert</u>	
NZ P3C Orion overhead a dismasted 50-ft yacht Tandem. Yacht Sunook was tasked and arrived on the scene, then remained in the vicinity until first light when assistance was provided. The yacht Tandem later arrived safely at Tonga Tapu.					
02 November	11.76° S 077.63° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Elvis (Peru)	PEMCC	13 / 13	406 MHz
Details					
<u>25 miles from Puesto Control de Ancon, Peru</u>			Cospas-Sarsat provided	<u>supporting data</u>	
The fishing boat ran aground. The vessel was towed into the Port of Callao by the fishing boat Tasa 32.					

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
03 November	42.00° S 148.73° E	Maritime Schooner Tonga	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5/243 MHz

Details

20 nm East Southeast Bicheno, Tasmania, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
RCC Australia received a call from the owner of the 50-ft , 40 tonne ferro-cement schooner Tonga which had reported to him via mobile telephone that the vessel had damaged its prop-shaft and was taking on water. The vessel was requesting urgent assistance in the way of a tow. RCC Australia were notified and passed co-ordination of incident to the Tasmanian Police who tasked a helicopter to proceed to vessel with a diesel powered pump and provide assistance or the rescue of persons as required. A shortwhile later the vessel notified the police that the flooding had worsened and they were then advised to launch the liferaft, activate their distress beacon, embark the raft and await rescue from the helicopter. The Police helicopter subsequently rescued the 3 crewman, their condition was assessed by a paramedic who stated that they were in good health.

03 November	47.88° N 007.45° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Iskra 70 (Poland)	FMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

France Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
One person in a life raft was rescued by two helicopters and the merchant vessel Manet when their sailing vessel sank.

05 November	43.50° N 153.56° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Bada No. 3 (Korea)	JAMCC	23 / 23	406 MHz
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Details

350 nm East of Nemuro-peninsula, Japan Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
The JCG dispatched patrol vessel and aircraft to the detected position immediately. Then JCG contacted with Korean Coast Guard by telephone and confirmed that the fishing vessel Bada No.3 had collided with the Taipei fishing vessel Shang Jiayi. All the crew of the fishing vessel Bada No.3 were rescued by the Taipei fishing vessel.

05 November	11.33° S 077.63° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Carmencita (Peru)	PEMCC	16 / 11	406 MHz
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Details

13 miles from Puerto Huacho, Peru Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The fishing boat sank with 16 crew on board. 11 were rescued by the coast patrol ship Barranca and other vessels in the area and taken to the Port of Huacho. The other 5 crew members were reported deceased.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
06 November	17.66° S 146.71° E	Maritime Vessel Tandera	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz

Details

Armistice Reef, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Cairns Water Police responding to a Pan-Pan call from the vessel Tandera which had struck a submerged object in the vicinity of Armistice Reef, Queensland. Both occupants have abandoned vessel to a dinghy, and activated their beacon. Rescue helicopter & the Volunteer Coast Guard were tasked to provide assistance.

06 November	46.48° N 071.20° W	Aviation C-150 CGUOG	CMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz
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Details

Candian / US border Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The C-150 was involved in a search for another missing aircraft that had crashed near Thetford mines. Police responded the this incident.

07 November	35.20° S 056.24° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Pilots One (Argentina)	ARMCC	Unk / Unk	406 MHz
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Details

120 km off West of Samborombon Bay, Argentina Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
In navigation an operator of the vessel Pilots One manually activated his 406 MHz EPIRB when a crew member had an engine room fire that was controller later. Not injuries in POB, and the beacon was deactivated.

07 November	42.36° S 173.08° E	Maritime Kayak	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
RCC NZ advised a kayaker had been rescued.

07 November	09.50° S 079.17° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Coqui (Peru)	PEMCC	16 / 16	406 MHz
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Details

43 miles from Puerto Chimbote, Peru Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The fishing vessel sank with 16 POB. All 16 were rescued by the fishing vessel Coqui IV and taken to the Port of Chimbote.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
08 November	42.38° N 009.13° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Puerto De Bejar (Spain)	SPMCC	7 / 7	406 MHz

DetailsGrove, SpainCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The Spanish fishing vessel Puerto de Bejar suffered a leak and then sunk 10 miles off the Salvoras Islands (Galicia, Northwest Spain). The first alert was given by VHF but the beacon was later automatically activated. The crew was rescued and the EPIRB was recovered and deactivated.

10 November	09.80° S 142.96° E	Maritime Banana boat	AUMCC	7 / 7	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsTudu Island, Queensland, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A distress beacon was detected in the Torres Strait. A coastwatch aircraft on patrol was diverted to conduct a homing. A rescue helicopter was despatched from Horn Island for rescue. The coastwatch aircraft reported the beacon source as a banana boat beached on Tudu Island with 6-7 people including children. The rescue helicopter landed at the location and reported that there were 2 females, 4 males and 3 children. They were on a voyage from Yam Island to Daru Island, PNG and the master decided they had insufficient fuel to make the journey, so decided it was prudent to stop at Tudu Island and get help. Fuel was provided from Yam Island.

10 November	29.35° N 018.30° W	Maritime Trimaran Groupama-2 (Spain)	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsLa Palma, Canary Islands, SpainCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The Groupama-2 capsized in a sudden squall 40 miles off the North coast of La Palma, heading towards the Canary Islands. One of the skippers was injured (broken ribs) and had to be taken by helicopter to hospital. The other one was safe but the Spanish authorities did not allow him to stay in the boat due to the weather conditions. A towing boat was sent from La Palma on the following day to help recover the trimaran.

10 November	36.51° N 066.56° W	PLB Sailing vessel Wet Spot (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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DetailsBermudaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The owner/operator of the sailing vessel Wet Spot manually activated his 406 MHz PLB when he ran into rough seas and bad weather conditions. The Lantarea RCC in Norfolk, VA launched a C-130 aircraft and diverted two Amver vessels to assist. The merchant vessel Clipper Eagle located the vessel in the vicinity of Bermuda and recovered the 1 POB.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
11 November	Hawaii	Maritime Fishing vessel Seven Stars (USA)	USMCC	6 / 6	406 MHz

Details1 nm North of Nilo, HawaiiCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The captain of the vessel was trying to fix the steering when the vessel ran aground. Coast Guard District 14 RCC in Honolulu, HI notified the local fire department of the alert. The local fire department launched a helicopter and a small boat. The helicopter recovered the 6 POBs aboard the distressed vessel and transported them safely into port.

12 November	12.91° S 130.16° E	Maritime Dinghy	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsPoint Jenny, Northern Territory, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

AUMCC reported a distress beacon in the Blaze Point area. Rescue 482 was tasked and reported a red flare and sighting two persons in the glow of the flare. Fishing vessel Abacus in the vicinity advised that the small vessel had been swamped overnight, 3 occupants are well and were found to be camped in a tent on the beach. Persons subsequently recovered to Dundee Lodge.

12 November	42.21° S 145.16° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Black Pearl	AUMCC	6 / 6	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsEdwards Bay, TasmaniaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A distress beacon was detected within the remote area West of Strahan, Tasmania. A local helicopter was tasked to proceed to the area, whilst 2 vessels were tasked to respond from Strahan as rescue assets. The helicopter subsequently located an upturned vessel with 6 persons clinging to the hull. A National Parks rescue vessel was guided to the scene of distress by the helicopter and performed a rescue of the survivors.

13 November	32.91° N 122.58° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Xian Feng Hai No.1 (China)	CNMCC	15 / 2	406 MHz
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DetailsYellow SeaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The cargo vessel Xian Feng Hai No.1 sunk in Level 10 winds. Only 2 of the 15 crew were saved, the remainder of the crew are missing.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
13 November	25.75° N 121.48° E	Maritime Fishing vessel (Chinese Taipei)	TAMCC	40 / 40	406 MHz

Details

35 nm North-West of Kee-Lung. Cospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)
The Taiwan RCC launched a helicopter and 4 coast patrol vessels to the scene. 5 crewmembers were rescued by the helicopter. The remaining were rescued by nearby fellow fishing vessels.

14 November	50.88° N 115.03° W	Aviation C-172 CG-CCP	CMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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Details

Alberta, Canada Cospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)
Edmonton ACC heard a Mayday from a C-172, reporting engine failure in the Springbank area. Two light civilian aircraft located the plane upside down near a river with 1 person walking away from the crash site. Stars Helicopter transported the pilot to the Calgary Foothills hospital.

14 November	32.75° N 016.65° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Sonja (Germany)	FMCC	7 / 7	406 MHz
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Details

Portugal Cospas-Sarsat provided [only alert](#)
The sailing vessel Sonja was assisted and escorted to the nearest harbour by a merchant vessel after their mast broke.

14 November	08.21° N 021.06° W	Maritime Sailing vessel (Italy)	ITMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

North Atlantic Ocean Cospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)
Sailing vessel capsized due to bad weather conditions.

14 November	08.21° N 021.03° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Tim Progetto (Italy)	SPMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Gulf of Dakar, Atlantic Ocean Cospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)
The sailing vessel Tim Progetto, which was participating in the Transat Jacques Vabre Race 2005, capsized. The two POB were safe and they activated their beacon to be located.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
15 November	22.34° N 073.37° W	Maritime Sailing vessel Sirocco (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details

Mayaguana Passage, The Bahamas Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
Coast Guard District 7 RCC diverted an HH-60 helicopter to the position. On arrival, the helicopter located one person in the water. The Sailing vessel Sirocco had run aground and sunk. The person was retrieved from the water in good condition and transported to safety.

15 November	69.41° N 163.06° W	PLB Snow machine (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

near Kasegaluk Lagoon, Alaska, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The North Slope Borough SAR deployed 3 searchers on snow machines after being notified of the alert by the Alaska State Troopers. One person with a broken down snow machine was located, the victim was rescued and delivered in good condition to Point Lay, Alaska.

18 November	44.16° N 006.33° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Ria Da Coruña (Spain)	SPMCC	9 / 9	406 MHz
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Details

Luarca, Spain Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The EPIRB signal from the fishing vessel Ria Da Coruña was received after some flares had been observed. The vessel was found with a fire onboard and had to be towed to La Coruña port. The 9 POB were rescued safe and sound.

19 November	16.28° S 141.31° E	Maritime Runabout	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Inkerman, Gulf of Carpentaria, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
AUMCC reported a distress beacon in the vicinity of Inkerman station/coastal. SAR assets were tasked and coastwatch aircraft in the area were tasked for homing and reported sighting a broken down 5-metre runabout with a man and 5 dogs. During the next few hours numerous inquiries by Cairns police and RCC Australia were made in an attempt to locate possible surface rescue platforms in the area but all inquires proved fruitless. Rescue helicopter was not prepared to take the dogs onboard and the person on the boat was not prepared to leave the dogs unattended. Police eventually activated the Karumba volunteer unit, some three hours away to assist the human and canine occupants.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
19 November	22.43° S 113.39° E	Maritime Yacht (Australia)	AUMCC	5 / 0	406 MHz

Details

Point Cloates, Western Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided no assistance
 An unlocated 406 MHz beacon detection registered to the 45-ft steel hulled yawl Kinsman was detected. No further satellite or hearing reports were received. RCC enquiries revealed the Kinsman with 5 persons on board had departed Exmouth, WA the previous Wednesday evening for Coral Bay to the South and was expected to be in Coral Bay Saturday evening. Attempts to contact the vessel were unsuccessful and the RCC tasked a search aircraft from Carnarvon to try to locate it along the planned route and conduct a coastal search. The search aircraft located 2 other yachts in the area but there was no sign of the Kinsman. The RCC then tasked 4 fixed-wing aircraft (1 SAR drop equipped) for a wide area and coastal visual search, a coastwatch DASH8 for wide area radar search and a rescue helicopter from Pearce. A volunteer coastal patrol vessel was placed on standby for rescue. As this second search was in progress, news was received that the Kinsman had hit Ningaloo Reef during the early hours of Saturday morning and subsequently sunk. The crew made their way to shore in a liferaft and made contact with authorities from Ningaloo Station. They were repatriated back to Exmouth by Exmouth Police. The 406 MHz beacon was reported to have a crack in it causing probable water ingress, which was thought to be the reason for its malfunction. However, the beacon still served the purpose of at least alerting the RCC, and because it was registered, the RCC could make specific enquiries regarding the target vessel.

21 November	26.95° S 153.12° E	Aviation Helicopter VH-HJL000	AUMCC	2 / 0	121.5 MHz
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Details

Bribie Island, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
 A Cospas-Sarsat alert North of Brisbane was followed by a call from Brisbane Air Traffic Control advising of a Helicopter accident on Bribie Island. VH-HJL an R22 belonging to Chopperline from Caloundra was conducting a training flight in the area and had a forced landing. Another company helicopter was in attendance and no RCC response was required.

21 November	41.45° N 029.26° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Svir (Russia)	CMC	12 / 12	406 MHz
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Details

Black Sea Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
 The fire on board the Svir was liquidated. The 12 crewmembers were evacuated. The cargo vessel was taken in tow by the a Turkish vessel to the nearest port.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
22 November	20.56° N 114.11° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Prosperity No. 28 (Bolivia)	HKMCC	15 / 15	406 MHz

DetailsSouth China SeaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

The fishing vessel Prosperity No. 28 sunk and all 15 crewmembers were picked up by th HK GFS helicopter.

22 November	35.81° N 064.58° W	Maritime Vessel (USA)	USMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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Details240 miles North of BermudaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

CGD05 had received a satellite phone call earlier from a vessel in distress off the coast of Bermuda. The crew of the vessel had lost control of their rudder and also lost their main sail. They repaired their rudder and the Coast Guard was able to locate the Vessel using the Sarsat position. The Coast Guard delivered diesel fuel to the vessel and the vessel continued en-route to Bermuda.

22 November	70.93° N 156.63° W	PLB Snow mobiler (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details20 nm South of Barrow, AlaskaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

The Alaska State Troopers received a 406 MHz alert from a PLB, when it was manually activated by a snowmobiler when his machine became disabled. Alaska State Troopers located and rescued the man.

24 November	41.83° S 144.80° E	Maritime Vessel	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5 MHz
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Details29 nm West of Strahan, Tasmania, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

AUMCC detected a beacon near Strahan, Tasmania. The initial advice came through the Tasmanian Police of a vessel in difficulty in vicinity of Conical Rocks (North of Strahan). Police had activated the rescue helicopter from Hobart and a local joy flight helicopter, that located 1 person in the water, and 2 persons in a disabled vessel a short distance from the shore. The three occupants were subsequently recovered by the rescue helicopter.

24 November	10.11° N 107.48° E	Maritime Cargo vessel An Jin (China)	CNMCC	22 / 9	406 MHz
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DetailsSouth China SeaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

The vessel An Jin sunk in strong winds. 9 of the 22 crew were saved by Vietnamese and Singapore Safety vessels. The remaining crew are missing.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
29 November	10.43° S 142.23° E	Maritime Vessel	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz

Details

Torres Strait, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
AUMCC detection of EPIRB in the Torres Strait area. Coastwatch helicopter was airborne and homed to an anchored small craft with 4 occupants at South Torres Reef. Police arranged for the distressed craft to be towed to safety.

29 November	41.26° N 010.05° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Senhora das Areias (Portugal)	FMCC	8 / 8	406 MHz
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Details

Portugal Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The 8 POB were rescued from the sinking Senhora das Areias by the fishing vessel Nossa S. do Minho. First alert was by radio.

02 December	38.15° N 000.11° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Pedro Y Loli EA3473 (Spain)	SPMCC	3 / 3	406 MHz
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Details

Santa Pola, Spain Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The vessel sank.

03 December	32.46° S 115.66° E	Maritime Half cabin cruiser	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

5 nm West of Mandurah harbour, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Satellite detections in vicinity of Mandurah, WA. RAAF PC9 aircraft located a boat on fire with persons in the water approximately 5 nm West of Mandurah boat harbour. The rescue vessel rescued two persons from the water.

05 December	33.68° N 131.73° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Fukuyoshimaru No. 85 (Japan)	JAMCC	4 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

5 nm East Northeast of Himeshima, Japan Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The JCG dispatched some patrol vessels and aircraft to the detected position immediately. Then JAMCC received 406 MHz alerts transmitted from cargo vessel Fukuyoshimaru No.85. As results of the search and rescue operation, two of the crew were rescued by patrol vessel, one crewmembers body was picked up and another was missing.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
07 December	43.23° S 146.83° E	PLB Bushwalkers	AUMCC	4 / 1	121.5/243 MHz

DetailsLake Peddar, TasmaniaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A party of four bushwalkers in the vicinity of Lake Pedder Tasmania activated their 121.5 MHz distress beacon due to one of the party injuring their ankle. A rescue helicopter was tasked and winched the injured bushwalker and transported him to hospital in Hobart.

07 December	70.90° N 156.32° W	PLB Snow mobile (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details20 nm Southeast of Barrow, AlaskaCospas-Sarsat provided only alert

North Slope Borough SAR launched a Bell 214ST helicopter to the site where they located a person in distress; his snowmobile was disabled and the weather conditions were severe. The person was taken to his home village of Atqasuk.

08 December	16.88° S 146.13° E	Maritime Small vessel	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5/243 MHz
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DetailsFlynn Reef off Cairns, AustraliaCospas-Sarsat provided first alert

A rescue helicopter and a fixed wing aircraft were tasked to investigate. A 5-metre aluminium centre console vessel was located broken down. A nearby dive vessel Scuba Pro responded and assisted occupants to restart the stricken vessel. The centre console vessel departed the area under its own power to Port Douglas.

08 December	36.50° N 130.53° E	Maritime Fishing boat No. 16 Woongjin (Korea)	KOMCC	12 / 12	406 MHz
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DetailsYellow SeaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

There was a fire on the boat due to unknown reasons. The EPIRB was activated. 12 POB were rescued.

09 December	08.95° S 134.43° E	Maritime Fishing vessel (Chinese Taipei)	AUMCC	13 / 13	406 MHz
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DetailsArafura Sea, Northern Territory, AустarliaCospas-Sarsat provided supporting data

RCC Australia received 406 MHz detection for a Taipei registered EPIRB 185 nm North of Milingimbi. A SAR aircraft was and a merchant ship were tasked. The Taipei MCC forwarded information that a fishing vessel sank with 13 persons onboard and were rescued by a second fishing vessel. This occurred approximately 20 minutes before the first EPIRB detection. The cause of sinking was flooding.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
10 December	26.83° S 153.31° E	Maritime Fishing vessel	AUMCC	3 / 3	121.5/243 MHz

Details

7 nm East of Caloundra, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
A rescue helicopter homed to a fishing vessel that had suffered mechanical difficulties and required assistance. The vessel was towed back to Mooloolaba Harbour.

10 December	32.46° N 122.35° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Hang Yu Shun (China)	CNMCC	15 / 15	406 MHz
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Details

Yellow Sea Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The Hang Yu Shun sunk in Level 11 winds. All 15 crew were saved by a Chinese Safety vessel in the area.

14 December	26.28° S 151.86° E	Aviation Aircraft VH-FXQ AA5	AUMCC	2 / 0	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

Wondai, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
A rescue helicopter was tasked. While investigating further, the pilot of an aircraft reported that he had had a mishap on take-off due to a sudden cross wind gust. The aircraft was damaged, and the ELT had been activated, however the pilot effected a safe landing. The two persons onboard did not suffer any injuries.

15 December	13.65° S 136.90° E	Maritime Motor cruiser Reel Time	AUMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

North East Isles, Northern Territory, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The detected beacon was registered to the motor cruiser Reel Time. Subsequent investigations revealed that the vessel was on a fishing trip in the Groote Eylandt area. A coastwatch aircraft was tasked to home to beacon position and located the vessel with 2 occupants, anchored and displaying a V-sheet. A local community boat and the Groote Eylandt Police vessel were tasked to respond and subsequently took the Reel Time under tow. The vessel had suffered an engine breakdown.

15 December	70.23° N 156.21° W	PLB Snow mobile (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

62 nm Southeast of Barrow, Alaska Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
North Slope Borough dispatched a SAR ground team to the site where they located one person and a snowmobile out of fuel. The person in distress was transported to Atkasuk, Alaska.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
15 December	70.84° N 157.88° W	PLB Snow mobile (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz

Details

48 nm Southwest of Barrow, Alaska Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
North Slope Borough dispatched a SAR ground team to the site where they located one person and a disabled snowmobile. The person in distress was transported to Wainwright, Alaska.

17 December	12.40° S 132.33° E	Maritime Fishing vessels	AUMCC	6 / 6	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

South Alligator River, Northern Territory, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
Brisbane Air Traffic Control advise of an ELT being heard. SAR aircraft were tasked. The Cospas-Sarsat System merged the beacon to 3 nm North of Kakadu Resort in South Alligator River (East of Darwin). The rescue crew saw a red flare and eventually made radio contact with two 5 m fishing vessels that had both run out of fuel, no injuries to occupants. NT Police assisted with a vessel from Kakadu Resort. The people were recovered.

17 December	21.48° S 149.93° E	Maritime Jet ski	AUMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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Details

Northumberland Islands, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
RCC Australia were originally advised of a lost jet ski operator to the East of Mackay by Queensland Police. The jet ski operator had activated an EPIRB and the police coordinated a response to him using the services of a rescue helicopter and the volunteer marine rescue unit out of Mackay. The operator was located, but refused assistance when found, wanting to make his own way back to Mackay and not leave the jet ski. Some time later and now 9 nm from his original position he again switched on his EPIRB due to worsening weather. The RCC sent a helicopter to locate him and again the volunteer marine rescue attended, this time recovering the male and his jet ski and returning them to a point of safety.

17 December	70.55° N 158.61° W	PLB Snow mobile (USA)	USMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

72 nm Southeast of Barrow, Alaska Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
North Slope Borough dispatched a team to the site where they located two persons in distress. Both snowmobiles were out of fuel. The two persons were taken to Wainwright, Alaska.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
19 December	14.58° S 132.81° E	PLB 4 wheel drive	AUMCC	1 / 0	121.5/243 MHz

Details

Maranboy, Northern Territory, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Satellite detection of a beacon in the Tindal area. SAR aircraft were tasked for homing from Darwin. Subsequently, the Northern Territory police notified the RCC that they had located a German tourist who had activated a beacon after his rental car had broken down.

21 December	37.66° N 120.21° E	Maritime Cargo vessel Min Yang Zhou No.178 (China)	CNMCC	14 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

Yellow Sea Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The Min Yang Zhou No.178 cargo vessel weighed anchor in Level 11 winds and sunk. Only 1 crew member was saved by a Chinese safety vessel in the vicinity. The remainder of the crew are still missing.

22 December	45.40° N 006.58° E	Aviation D140 aircraft F-BNIV	FMCC	1 / 1	121.5 MHz
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France Cospas-Sarsat provided only alert
The French aircraft crashed.

22 December	10.90° N 109.51° E	Maritime Fishing vessel Ocean Star V3WZ8	HKMCC	8 / 8	406 MHz
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Details

South China Sea Cospas-Sarsat provided supporting data
The 8 crewmembers of the Ocean Star were rescued by the merchant vessel Sima Pride. No further details of the incident recorded.

25 December	39.38° S 150.40° E	Maritime Yacht Geneva (UK)	AUMCC	2 / 2	406 MHz
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Details

Eastern Bass Strait, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
UK Coast Guard reported a UK registered unlocated beacon belonging to yacht Geneva known to be on voyage to Hobart from Sydney. Beacon detected by AUMCC 162 nm Northeast of St Helens, Tasmania. Hobart Police were contacted and activated Northern Tasmania SAR squad. Tasmania Police reported radio contact established with yacht Geneva with 2 persons onboard disabled, adrift and requesting a tow. Vessel was subsequently towed back to port by the fishing vessel Shandara.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
26 December	34.75° S 115.71° E	Maritime Divers	AUMCC	2 / 2	121.5 MHz

Details

Point D'Entrecasteaux, Western Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)
WA Water Police advised that local police were responding to 2 divers that had surfaced to find their boat capsized at St. Alouarn Islands (approx 30 nm North of beacon alert location). Police confirmed that the divers had activated a beacon and now rescued by a volunteer vessel.

26 December	29.95° N 076.46° W	Maritime Sailing vessel	USMCC	1 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

300 nm East of Augustine, Florida, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)
The sailing vessel had an inoperative main sail and an inoperative motor. The 121.5 MHz EPIRB provided the initial location for a USCG helicopter destination which located the vessel and picked up the one POB.

28 December	29.45° N 093.06° W	Maritime Merchant vessel Noah J Callais (USA)	USMCC	6 / 6	406 MHz
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Details

8 nm South of Cameron, Los Angeles, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)
A Coast Guard C-130 aircraft heard a Mayday call via VHF/FM CH-16 from the owner of the merchant vessel Noah J Callais stating there was a fire aboard his vessel. The aircraft pilot directed him to manually activate his 406 MHz EPIRB. The Coast Guard District 8 RCC diverted the USCGC Dauntless to assist. A good samaritan vessel, the Lori G, responded to the Mayday first and assisted the crew in extinguishing the fire. Once the fire was out, the Noah J Callais was escorted into port by the Lori G. The Coast Guard SAR resources stood down after they learned the Lori G was on scene assisting the distressed vessel.

29 December	28.82° N 090.09° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Lovely Lisa (USA)	USMCC	1 / 1	406 MHz
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Details

15 nm South Southwest of Port Fourchon, LA, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided [supporting data](#)
Coast Guard District 8 RCC in New Orleans received notification from the fishing vessel Little Angel of a Mayday call from the fishing vessel Lovely Lisa requesting medical assistance. The master of Lovely Lisa got his leg caught in a winch and required medical attention. The CGD8 RCC launched a HH-65 helicopter from Air station New Orleans based on the EPIRB location. The flight surgeon was briefed on the master's condition and concurred that he should be Medivaced. The HH-65 located the vessel and transported the master of the vessel in stable condition to the East Jefferson Medical facility in Jefferson Parish, LA.

Date	Location	Type of Event / Vehicle Country Code	Reporting MCC	No. Persons Involved / Rescued	Beacon Type Used
30 December	10.80° S 142.21° E	Maritime Small vessel	AUMCC	4 / 4	121.5 MHz

Details

Torres Strait, Queensland, Australia Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Distress beacon detected by the AUMCC in the Torres Strait. A helicopter was tasked to the satellite position and located a broken down small half cabin vessel 3 nm from Mabuiag Island. The local customs vessel from Mabuiag Island was tasked and towed vessel back to Mabuiag Island.

31 December	41.38° S 172.38° E	PLB Tramper	AUMCC	4 / 1	121.5/243 MHz
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Details

New Zealand Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
Injured tramper winched out by helicopter.

31 December	27.20° N 082.60° W	Maritime Fishing vessel Jaws II (USA)	USMCC	14 / 14	406 MHz
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Details

25 nm East of Sarasota, Florida, USA Cospas-Sarsat provided first alert
The operator of the fishing vessel Jaws II manually activated the 406 MHz EPIRB when the vessel experienced fuel problems and was unable to continue under their own power. The Coast Guard District 7 RCC in Miami launched a C-130 aircraft which located the vessel and established communications with it. The Coast Guard Station Cortez launched a vessel which towed the fishing vessel back into port.

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