



Rental EPIRBs are permanently registered to the BoatU.S. Foundation. BoatU.S. provides search and rescue officials our toll-free emergency hotline manned 24 hours/7 days by trained emergency response staff. In the rare event you need to activate your rental EPIRB, BoatU.S. emergency response staff will provide search and rescue officials with the information that you provided when making a reservation.

The BoatU.S. Foundation is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps boaters be safer and better stewards of the environment.

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What is an EPIRB?

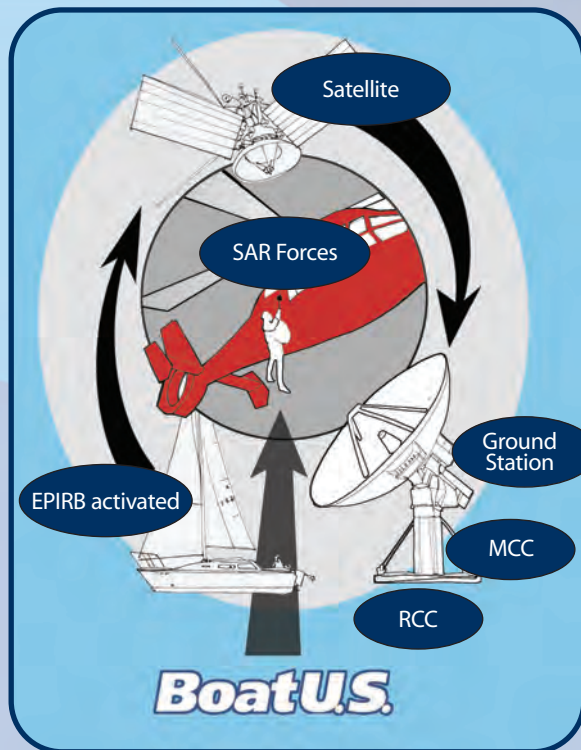
EPIRB stands for Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon. When activated, a 406 MHz EPIRB broadcasts a unique repeating SOS signal. Satellites detect these signals from virtually any point on earth and forward critical information to rescue units on the ground. Within minutes, your position is known by the nearest rescue unit. Satellite coverage is a free service to boaters.

Who Should Carry a 406 EPIRB?

It is recommended that boaters traveling outside of reliable VHF radio range, about 20 miles offshore, carry a 406 EPIRB. A prudent boater will consider a 406 EPIRB as one piece of a complete safety equipment package.

How do I rent an EPIRB?

Place an order online or give us a call. You will need to have information ready about yourself, the boat, and who to call in an emergency. Our peak season is from May through July, so remember to place your reservation early! Your rental EPIRB will be delivered to your door in time for your offshore voyage.



How do EPIRBs work?

1. Boater in distress activates 406 EPIRB.
2. EPIRB's repeating SOS signal is detected by earth-orbiting satellites.
3. Signal is forwarded to ground station for verification.
4. Ground station notifies central command (MCC) to initiate search and rescue.
5. MCC notifies the Coast Guard or the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) nearest to the boater's location.
6. The RCC calls BoatU.S. for vessel description prior to leaving base. RCC dispatches applicable search and rescue resources.