



Do you own an EPIRB?

If you equip your vessel with an EPIRB, make sure to encode and register it properly. This is the only way to ensure that it is of the greatest possible use to you in the event of an emergency at sea.



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Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) are alarm devices. In the event of an alarm being triggered, it is of utmost importance that the rescue service has up-to-date information on the ship and crew. The data is stored in the International Beacon Registration Database (IBRD), and contains detailed information about the persons in distress at sea. With that information to hand, the rescue service is able to execute an appropriate rescue operation without delay. For that reason, do not forget to register your device in the international database IBRD (COSPAS/SARSAT) at <https://www.406registration.com>. Registration is free of charge. If the information is inaccurate or outdated, this can even lead to the rescue mission being aborted.

If you sell or transfer your EPIRB to someone else, the device has either to be reregistered or deleted in the IBRD (different flag state). EPIRBs are bound to a specific ship (MMSI) and, even if carried temporarily, must be reregistered to the new vessel.

False alarm? Contact the MRCC Operations Centre, Zurich
+41 58 654 39 38 or +41 33 333 33 33.

Quick guide to registration



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