

Submission: **SR04-14**

Offshore Special Regulations - 4.19

Requiring Ships EPIRBs to have an Integrated GPS

A submission from the Royal Yachting Association

Purpose or Objective

To make it a requirement for a ship's EPIRB to include an internal GPS

Proposal

~~It is recommended that a~~ A 406Mhz EPIRB **shall** include an internal GPS **when purchased after 1st January 2015, it is recommended that they** also include a 121.5Mhz transmitter for local homing. MoMu0,1,2

Current Position

As above

Reason

It is a recommendation that the EPIRB include an internal GPS.

The built in GPS receiver ensures that an accurate position of a casualty is relayed to the rescue services. This in turn improves the speed of recovery by updating the position of the beacon at regular intervals.
