

National Boating Safety Advisory Council
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COMMENDATION TO EQUIPPED TO SURVIVE FOUNDATION,
BOAT/U.S. FOUNDATION AND WEST MARINE
FOR THEIR WORK WITH EPIRBS

WHEREAS, Equipped To Survive Foundation was made aware of the concerns of COSPAS/SARSAT that some EPIRBS failed to gain a GPS fix, and

WHEREAS, West Marine and the Boat/US Foundation were notified of such failures, and

WHEREAS, the Boat/US Foundation and West Marine sponsored Equipped To Survive Foundation to organize a controlled test, and

WHEREAS, West Marine immediately ceased selling those products which had questionable performance, and

WHEREAS, the manufacturer of said EPIRB was immediately notified of the testing and their results,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The National Boating Safety Advisory Council, meeting at Norfolk, Virginia on 27 April 2004 commends Equipped To Survive Foundation, Boat/U.S. Foundation and West Marine for their prompt and conscientious efforts to protect the boating public through detection and testing of a potential failure of a piece of essential, life saving equipment, and their voluntary and prudent removal of said equipment from the market, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NBSAC commends Equipped To Survive, Boat/US Foundation and West Marine for recommending the development of more stringent testing for this equipment.

Responsible, independent actions by marine industry organizations that enhance the safety of the boating public are invaluable. The Council is proud to recognize such organizations for their positive actions.

James P. Muldoon, Chairman
National Boating Safety Advisory Council