

# First Coast Guard District

## Report to the NEFMC

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# Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)

**01 FEB 2009: Satellites no longer monitor 121.5 MHz**

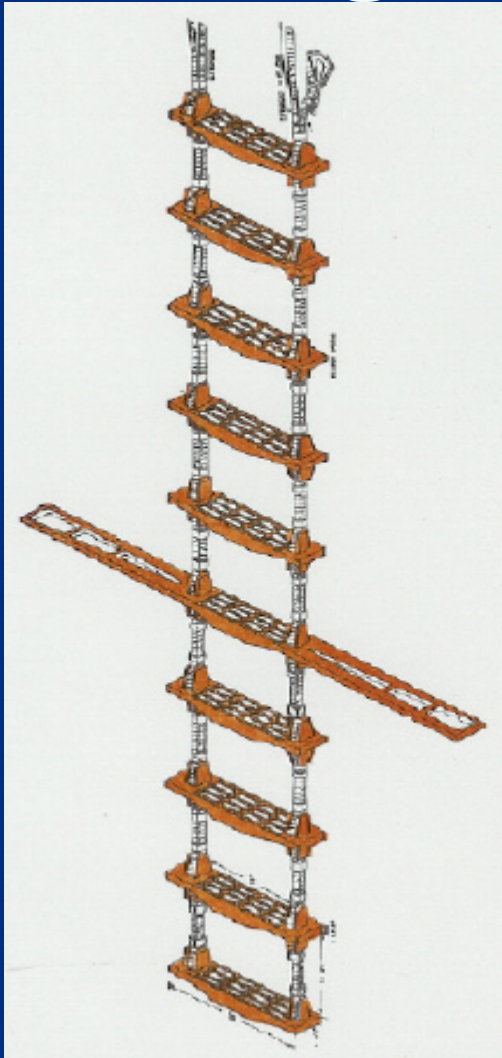
**406 MHz EPIRB unaffected**

**Register your EPIRB and ensure information is current.**



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# Boarding Ladder Final Rule

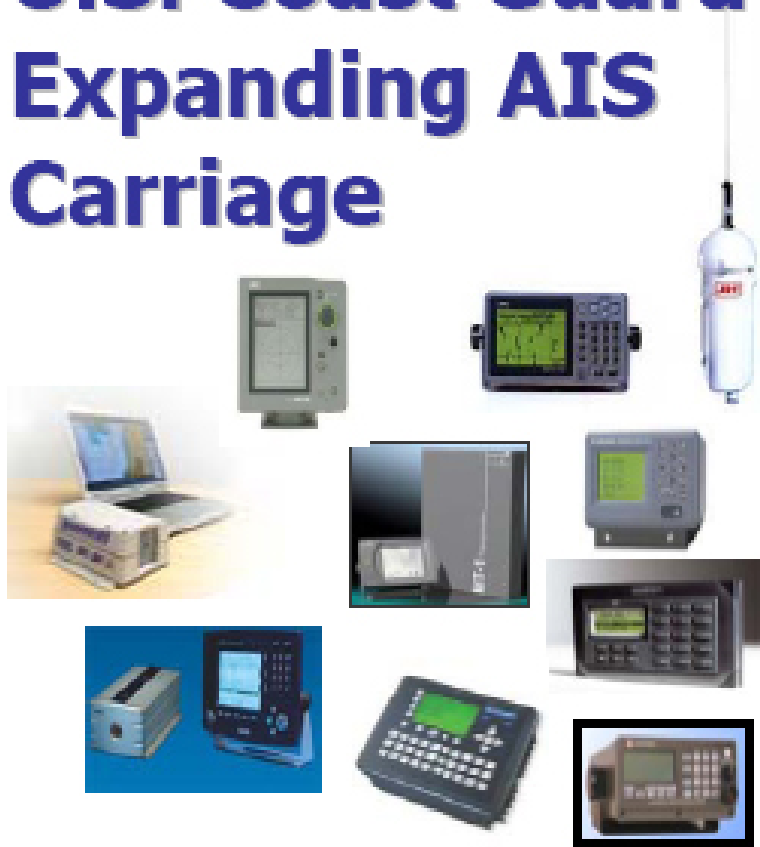


- Effective 01 JAN 09
- “Safe boarding ladder” defined as a Coast Guard approved pilot ladder.
- “Freeboard” defined as the working distance between the top rail of the gunwale, where the boarding officer climbs into the vessel, and the water’s surface
- This rule establishes a safer and more enforceable national standard for ladders used by authorized officers for boarding domestic fishing vessels.



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# U.S. Coast Guard Expanding AIS Carriage



- 16 Dec 2008: Notice of Public Rule Making
- 15 Apr 2009: End of Comment Period
- Applies to all commercial vessels greater than or equal to 65 FT
- Docket Number: USCG-2005-21869
- Send Comments to:

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