Summary of Proposed Changes to Beacon Registration Forms

We are proposing the following changes to General Use Data section of the PLB registration form:

1. Removing "the following" before the colon in the line "If Boat checked above..."
2. Adding a line for the fields Vessel Name and Federal/State Registration No.
3. Adding a line for Home Port Marina/Dock, City, and ST fields
4. Removing "the following" before the colon in the line "If Aircraft checked above..."
5. Abbreviating "Registration" to "Reg."
6. Adding Airport Code, City, and ST fields

We are proposing the following changes be made to all registration forms (ELT, EPIRB, PLB, and SSAS):

1. Removing the extra lines underneath "Name of Primary 24-Hour Emergency Contact" and "Name of Alternate 24-Hour Emergency Contact" to allow more room for handwriting in those sections
2. Revising the last line on the form to include the email address and remove "No." after the word "Fax."

   The old wording was:
   Mail or fax this form to SARSAT Beacon Registration, NOAA, NSOF, E/SPO53, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Fax No. 301.817.4565

   The new wording is:
   Mail, fax, or email this form to SARSAT Beacon Registration, NOAA, NSOF, E/SPO53, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910;
   Fax: 301.817.4565; beacon.registration@noaa.gov

We are proposing changing the field "INMARSAT" on the EPIRB and SSAS registration forms to read "Inmarsat #" and adding a field for "Iridium #" and have updated the Instructions sheet to reflect those changes.

The "Instructions for Completing NOAA's Emergency Beacon Registration Form" has been updated to reflect the additions and clarifications to the registration form and has been reorganized to clarify beacon-specific information. To accommodate this additional information and improve readability, the instructions are now on two pages instead of one.

Each registration form file now contains four pages:
1. Beacon-specific registration information (page 1)
2. Important Notice—Please Read Before Completing Your Registration (page 2)
3. Instructions for Completing NOAA's Emergency Beacon Registration Form (pages 3 and 4)