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00:00:37,350 --> 00:00:04,160
Music.

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00:00:37,370 --> 00:00:41,440
Abby: This shows my route; pulled into Cabo San Lucas for repairs.

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00:00:41,460 --> 00:00:45,530
Then hit the Equator, then down south

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00:00:45,550 --> 00:00:49,570
to Cape Horn, across the ocean and stopped

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00:00:49,590 --> 00:00:53,640
in Cape Town for more repairs. It was an unplanned stop but...

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00:00:53,660 --> 00:00:57,670
Then, that's where I rolled. I

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00:00:57,690 --> 00:01:01,840
was around 2000 miles away from any major search and rescue place, which was...

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00:01:01,860 --> 00:01:06,040
I could not have planned to be in a more remote place and have

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00:01:06,060 --> 00:01:10,220
something bad happen. It was pretty bad. I checked out

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00:01:10,240 --> 00:01:14,390
deck and saw that my mast was completely gone, my boom was

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00:01:14,410 --> 00:01:18,580
snapped in half, my engine was dead. There really wasn't anything left

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00:01:18,600 --> 00:01:22,740
for me to jury rig with. And then I went to try to find my

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00:01:22,760 --> 00:01:26,850

satellite phones and both of them were wet. I was pretty much

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00:01:26,870 --> 00:01:30,950

just stranded out in the middle of the ocean and that's kind of when I realized that

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00:01:30,970 --> 00:01:35,040

I needed to set off the EPIRBs. Daniel Ch'en: a situation like one that Abby

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00:01:35,060 --> 00:01:39,180

had, without the satellite rescue system,

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00:01:39,200 --> 00:01:43,260

her chances of survival were very very low.

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00:01:43,280 --> 00:01:47,320

Kathy Niles: So, that information that's coming directly from the distress beacon to the satellites is

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00:01:47,340 --> 00:01:51,360

the one key link that we have to actually find out where

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00:01:51,380 --> 00:01:55,390

something is happening and hopefully, again, if the beacon is registered,

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00:01:55,410 --> 00:01:59,580

tell us who that beacon belongs to.

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00:01:59,600 --> 00:02:03,760

Abby: when I rolled, I had water pouring into my boat. I was

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00:02:03,780 --> 00:02:07,950

not exactly sure if anybody could get to me where I was.

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00:02:07,970 --> 00:02:12,140

I was completely shocked, I was there expecting to wait weeks and the next morning a plane flew over and

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00:02:12,160 --> 00:02:16,320

I was being told that a day later a boat was going to be there. So, I mean, it's just an example

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00:02:16,340 --> 00:02:20,490

of how great the whole system is. David Affens: the reality is that there

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00:02:20,510 --> 00:02:24,660

have been over 27,000 people saved by this

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00:02:24,680 --> 00:02:28,850

system, many of which were done by the GOES satellites. Abby: having the beacon

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00:02:28,870 --> 00:02:33,010

on board was a real peace of mind. Knowing that I had that

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00:02:33,030 --> 00:02:37,150

as a last resort and knowing that if all my communication

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00:02:37,170 --> 00:02:41,310

did go down and I was in a serious situation, that I could set that off

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00:02:41,330 --> 00:02:45,490

and somebody would hear. Overall, it was the best

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00:02:45,510 --> 00:02:49,630

experience of my life. I was lucky to have the opportunity and have the people

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00:02:49,650 --> 00:02:53,760

there to help me out with it. Beeping sound.