

Divers' tracking system deadline extended

- The diver tracking system is required by a ministerial decree for safari boats operating in the islands and south. This is due to the simple fact that lost divers on the surface – by previous experience – cannot be found using extremely expensive air search.
- The lost divers tracking systems must be approved by CDWS and by the National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (NTRA)
- Until today the manufacturers of tracking systems could not meet either the needs of the market or get required approvals. The situation is as follows:
 1. SEASAFE : Approved by NTRA
Approved by CDWS
But system showed leakage problems and a new version is under development and has been tested
 2. SEA Marshall : Approved by NTRA
Approved by CDWS
 3. Enos : Approved by CDWS
Still processing its approval from NTRA
 4. Nautilus : Should be available Jan 2011 during Boat show
 5. Diver's Rescue : refused by CDWS

Due to the above situation, CDWS asked the minister to extend the deadline. H.E. the minister agreed and the deadline has been extended to 30 June 2011.