

**TRANSCRIPT: ALASKAN REGION**

**Anchorage TRACON (A11), David Whisnant**

**WHISNANT:** Boxcar six-four, approach.

**BOXCR64:** Go ahead.

**WHISNANT:** Boxcar six-four look on your right-hand side, up the inlet, see if you see a boat in distress.

**BOXCR64:** Boxcar six-four, uh, nothing in sight right now. Would you like us to drop down and take a look?

**WHISNANT:** Boxcar six-four, if you could, uh, affirmative. Maintain VFR and a right turn, your discretion, up the inlet.

**WHISNANT:** Boxcar six-four, approach.

**BOXCR64:** Yup, we've got your, uh, person in the water on a boat. Looks like he's got a life preserver on, uh, clutching whatever it is he...the boat I guess.

**WHISNANT:** Boxcar six-four, thanks. One person?

**BOXCR64:** One pax.

**WHISNANT:** (landline) Boxcar six-four, one person in the water. They're coordinating on the telephone.

**TOWER:** Oh, they are?

**WHISNANT:** Yeah, he's holding on to the boat. He's got a life preserver.

**TOWER:** Okay so, do we have any coordinates?

**WHISNANT:** Uh, he's just northwest of, uh, Birchwood.

**BOXCR64:** Your pax in distress, he's right off the mouth of Peter's Creek about mid-channel.

**WHISNANT:** Thank you.

**CGUY:** Anchorage Approach Control, helicopter charlie gulf bravo uniform yankee.

**WHISNANT:** Helicopter charlie gulf uniform yankee, Anchorage Approach.

**CGUY:** Roger, just, uh, approaching Birchwood for, um, Campbell Airstrip at one thousand feet, uh, along the highway.

**WHISNANT:** And, uh, say type helicopter.

**CGUY:** Hughes five hundred, zero-one-four-four.

**WHISNANT:** Charlie gulf uniform yankee, I'm unfamiliar with that type helicopter. Would that be something that would be, uh, suitable maybe to pick

someone up out of the water with? We've got a, an aircr-, a boat that's overturned with somebody in the water right near Birchwood.

**CGUY:** Yeah, I think it could do that.

**WHISNANT:** Charlie gulf uniform yankee, uh, if you turn, look off your right, the three o'clock and two miles, you'll see a Sherpa orbiting at one thousand two hundred over a boat that's overturned, there's an aircr-, a guy on the boat with a life preserver.

**CGUY:** Okay, roger that. Headed that way.

**WHISNANT:** Gulf uniform yankee, see the, uh, Sherpa there at your two o'clock and one mile, one thousand two hundred?

**CGUY:** Oh I sure do. I sure do.

**WHISNANT:** Boxcar six-four, traffic southeast one mile, helicopter nine hundred has you in sight, en route to the, uh, boat.

**BOXCAR64:** Boxcar six-four, roger. He's in sight.

**BOXCAR64:** And Approach, Boxcar six-four, looks like the helicopter got that guy out of the inlet. Uh, we can continue...

**CGUY:** Uh, Anchorage Approach Control, helicopter bravo uniform yankee.

**APPROACH:** Helicopter gulf uniform yankee, Anchorage Approach, understand you've picked up the, uh, person out of the water?

**CGUY:** Yes sir, I did. He is really cold. How about if I drop him off at the hospital downtown?

**APPROACH:** Uh, helicopter gulf uniform yankee, direct to Providence Hospital or Alaska Regional is approved. Say request.

**CGUY:** Okay, roger. Uh, I'm not very familiar with either one so when I get close just vector me either way.

**APPROACH:** (Landline) North.

**CD:** Clearance, awesome job dude.

**APPROACH:** Oh that's Dave, but I'll pass it on.

**CD:** Alright M-C.

**APPROACH:** 'Copter gulf uniform yankee, Aimbig altimeter two niner eight-seven. Contact Merrill Tower, one-two-six point zero. They'll guide you the rest of the way to Providence, and you may be, uh, approaching a, uh, Elmendorf Air Force Base. You are already approved in that segment. Good day.

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