



Press Release

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Amver participating Disney cruise ship saves migrant

NEW YORK – The Amver participating cruise ship Disney Wonder rescued a Cuban migrant from a rustic raft 21 miles south of Marathon, Fla. on Monday, March 2, 2015.

The crew of the Disney Wonder located a raft and launched a rescue boat to embark the male survivor. Once aboard the cruise ship the survivor stated he had been fishing and had been blown by the wind towards the United States. He was uninjured.

The Bahamian flagged cruise ship rendezvoused with the Coast Guard Cutter Charles David Jr. and transferred the survivor to the Coast Guard.

Amver, sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, is a voluntary global ship reporting system used worldwide by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to persons in distress at sea.

The Disney Wonder, managed by magical Cruise Company, enrolled in Amver on July 20, 1999 and earned 16 Amver participation awards.

With Amver, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond. In an emergency, any rescue coordination center can request this data to determine the relative position of Amver ships near the distress location. On any day there are over 7,000 ships available to carry out search and rescue services. Visit <http://www.amver.com> to learn more about this unique worldwide search and rescue system.