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AMVER VESSELS RESCUE 42 PEOPLE IN MARCH

NEW YORK – 42 people have been rescued by Amver this March demonstrating the true reach of this valuable global search and rescue tool.

Jerry Lomax, a lone British sailor, was rescued by the bulk carrier Tamourin on the 15th of March after his sail boat became disabled north of French Guyana. Four days later 11 Chinese crewmembers of the sunken bulk carrier Unicorn Ace were rescued by the Indian vessel Prabhu Yuvika in the South China Sea.

Amver's melting pot grew as a Norwegian owned cruise ship, the Century, rescued 12 Cuban migrants from their sinking rustic vessel in the Caribbean on March 22nd.

March 25th proved extremely busy as a Saudi Arabian vessel, the Safaniyah, rescued two people from their disabled sailboat over 200 miles south of New Orleans, Louisiana while the United States owned and flagged HMI Brenton Reef rescued 16 Cuban migrants attempting the dangerous voyage from Cuba to the United States.

The Amver system is a voluntary, worldwide ship reporting system. Prior to sailing, participating ships send a sail plan to the Amver computer center. Vessels then report every 48 hours until arriving at their port of call. This data is able to project the position of each ship at any point during its voyage. 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 given day there are over 3,000 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.

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