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AMVER VESSEL RESCUES 3 FROM DISABLED SAILBOAT

NEW YORK – The Amver participating merchant vessel Sevillan Reefer, a US owned ship, rescued three people from their disabled sailboat 115 nautical miles west of Panama on May 13, 2007.

The United States Coast Guard 11th District Command Center received a report that the 35 foot sailboat Princesa del Pacifico suffered a steering and propulsion casualty. The crew on board was low on food and water and reportedly did not have an Emergency Position Indicating Radiobeacon (EPIRB) on board their vessel.

The United States Coast Guard, working with Rescue Coordination Center Panama, diverted the Isle of Man flagged ship 60 miles to assist the stricken sailors. Once the Sevillan Reefer was on scene the master had his chief engineer board the sailboat to see if he could make any repairs. The chief engineer deemed the sailboat unsafe and the three sailors were taken aboard the Sevillan Reefer where they were transported to Caldera, Costa Rica.

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 3,200 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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