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United States ships receive Amver awards

NEW YORK – An Amver awards ceremony was held on May 18, 2010 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC to recognize 549 United States ships participating in the Amver search and rescue system.

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

Representative from the following companies were on hand to receive the awards on behalf of their ships: State of Alaska (Department of Transportation & Public Facilities), APL Maritime Ltd, Carnival Corp, Crowley Marine Services Inc, Crowley Technical Management Inc, Dorado Tankers Inc, International Shipping Partners Inc, Liberty Maritime Corp, LMS Shipmanagement Inc, Maersk Line Ltd, Disney Cruise Line, OSG Ship Management Inc, Princess Cruise Lines Ltd, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd (RCCL), Roymar Ship Management Inc, Sea Star Line LLC, Sulphur Carriers Inc, U.S. Coast Guard, and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - Marine & Aviation Operations.

Horizon Lines LLC received Amver's first medal for thirty-five consecutive years of participation in the amver system. Vice Admiral David Pecoske was on hand to congratulate the award winners.

This event was sponsored by IHS Fairplay, Blank Rome, Inmarsat, Lockheed Martin, North American Marine Environment Protection Association, and North American Maritime Ministry Association. Amver sincerely thanks you for your sponsorship.

With Amver, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond. 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 3,700 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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