



# The Amver Bulletin

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- *Amver travels to Russia*
- *Amver Rescues*
- *Call for photos*
- *Attention Amver vets*
- *New Amver participants*

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## Amver attends NEVA 2007

The Amver Maritime Relations staff recently returned from the 9<sup>th</sup> NEVA exhibition in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Amver Web site hits increased 238% and several shipping companies seized the opportunity to enroll their vessels. Russian vessels already enrolled in the system increased their reporting.

“It is the only occasion where the entire Russian maritime spectrum gathers in the same place, at the same time,” explains Roderick Keay, General Director of Dolphin Exhibitions, joint organizers of the event with the Transstec NEVA Exhibitions Company. “This gather-



ing of Russian ship owners can have a very positive impact on the Amver system if only a fraction of them enroll their vessels” he continued.

U.S. Coast Guard Vice Commandant Vivien Crea agreed that an increase in Russian participation was a benefit to shipping.

“As commercial shipping increases in austere and hazardous parts of the world, we will need to rely on each other to assist and respond to distress in the event of a maritime emergency” said Vice Admiral Crea.

## Amver tanker assists migrants

The tanker Cap Diamant, while sailing to Dalia, Angola, notified the U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Juan they were hailed by a 23 foot migrant vessel adrift and taking on water off the coast of Puerto Rico on

September 1, 2007.

The Cap Diamant stood by until U.S. Coast Guard Cutters could safely embark the 31 migrants.

Photo courtesy of Euronav



## Amver participant rescues ten from fiery ferry

On the morning of July 24, the Amver participating merchant vessel Federal Rhine rescued 10 survivors from the burning trans-island ferry Katrina.

The Federal Rhine, operated by the Montreal based shipping line FedNav, noticed the burning ferry in the Philippine Sea and quickly assumed search and rescue mission coordinator requesting another nearby ship to assist in rescue efforts.

During rescue operations the mas-



ter of the Federal Rhine coordinated with the Philippine Coast Guard, Maritime Rescue Coordination Cen-

ter Manila, and the U.S. Coast Guard Amver center in West Virginia.

Within six hours of finding the burning ferry, the crew of the Federal Rhine safely transferred all the survivors to search and rescue authorities from the Bongao province.

According to survivors, the Katrina was on a voyage from Sanga Sanga Island to Bongao when it caught fire.

Photo courtesy of the crew of the Federal Rhine.

## Amver awards ceremony in Vietnam

The United States Embassy Hanoi congratulated the Vinashin Eagle of Vietnam's Vinashin shipping company for its participation in the U.S. Coast Guard Amver System during 2006.

The annual Amver awards were presented in a ceremony at the Vinashin Shipping Company Headquarters, Hanoi, on August 30,

2007. The U.S. Coast Guard's Lieutenant Commander, Scott Stoermer, and Lieutenant Commander Yuri Graves, led the presentation, assisted by Vinalines General Director, Mr. Tran Van Liem. Senior company executives were recognized for a wise business decision to enlist their ships in this voluntary reporting system.



## Your story could be here

Amver is always looking for pictures and stories to go along with dramatic rescues at sea. We don't know about every rescue so we rely on you, the mariner, to be our eyes and ears.

Certainly the safe execution of rescue operations take precedence but

if you or your crew are able to capture photos or video please send them to our office. Our mailing and email addresses are on the back page of each Amver Bulletin.

Remember, your photos or video may be seen around the world! Send those pictures today.



## Transpacific rower rescued by newly christened Amver ship

The Amver participating vessel Overseas Long Beach assisted in the rescue of transpacific rower Roz Savage by providing a much needed lee, communications between Savage and U.S. Coast Guard aircraft, and a make shift sea anchor.

Savage was attempting a three stage solo rowing challenge from California to Australia. Her troubles started August 23 after rough weather capsized her boat fouling most of her electronic equipment. A concerned party notified the U.S. Coast Guard on Savage's behalf which set the rescue operation in motion. The Overseas Long Beach,



a United States flagged tanker owned by the Overseas Shipholding Group, was called to assist Savage approximately 90 miles off the coast

of Humboldt Bay, California.

Sea conditions were too rough for the Overseas Long Beach to affect a rescue. Instead they provided communications and equipment to help stabilize Savage's ocean rowboat until Coast Guard helicopters could hoist her to safety. Ms. Savage was reluctant to abandon ship at first but was soon convinced it was in her best interest to allow the Coast Guard to hoist her to safety.

Photo courtesy of OSG

## Attention Amver veterans

As the 50th anniversary of Amver approaches, the staff of the Amver office in New York invites former Amver shipmates and mariners to share their stories.

Do you remember working in New York at either the Amver center in the Customs House or on Governor's Island? Maybe you were

a watch stander who took mayday calls and diverted Amver ships.

Regardless of your affiliation with Amver we want your stories!

Feel free to email or mail in photos, memorabilia, or stories to our address on the back page. You can also email Benjamin Strong, Marketing Director, with your informa-

tion. While there are no current plans for a formal reunion, the Amver staff is open to organizing some sort of get together for former Amver shipmates. You can email the Amver office with your thoughts or contact information as well.

Amver is proud of its history. Now its time to hear from you and share the Amver story with the world.

## Amver vessel provides much needed communications

Amver vessels aren't limited to just rescuing people in distress as demonstrated by the bulk carrier Luxury SW off the coast of Oregon.

The Luxury SW was diverted to assist the 36 foot fishing vessel Ida West II which was taking on water

approximately 120 nautical miles off the Columbia River entrance.

U.S. Coast Guard helicopters, along with the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Alert, responded.

The Luxury SW arrived on scene and provided a lee while relaying

important information between the fishing vessel and Coast Guard responders.

Fortunately the Coast Guard was able to lower a rescue swimmer and dewatering pump to the fishing vessel which was able to make it to port under its own power.

# Welcome new Amver participants enrolled between July and September 2007

CAPE CAMPBELL	FRONTIER DISCOVERER	IVER EXPRESS
MSC TORONTO	TOKIWA GLORY	SPYROS
MAERSK SEMBAWANG	MAPLE GROVE	CLIPPER FREEWAY
SCI JYOTI	MEGAH LIMA	SLH MERCURY
TAKACHINO II	SHINYU	NORD BRAVE
NS LEADER	OOCL OAKLAND	CMA CGM ORAN
SPRING PRIDE	ALMA 1	VOLGO BALT 214
GASCHEM MOSEL	ADONIS	CASCONGNE
ORIENTAL PRINCESS	MARIBEL	CMA CGM HERODOTE
SANDERLING ACE	MAERSK VISUAL	NORDSPRING
KASAGISAN	MINERVA DOXA	CMA CGM MARKLIN
NS COLUMBUS	CLEAN POWER	CMA CGM KINGFISH
OVERSEAS LONG BEACH	ARGUS	CMA CGM KAILAS
MAERSK SEABROOK	KRAKOW	MV MATE
MIHAMA	OMEGA EMMANUEL	PIERRE
SEMIRIO	JIA HE GUAN	PACIFIC RELIANCE
EAGLE 2	CAKE	LNG OGUN
RUBY	XIN LIAN YUN GANG	WHISTLER
DANIA	CMA CGM DOLPHIN	APOLLO
AGEAN NAVIGATOR	CMA CGM BLUE WHALE	TOLSON SEA
MARITIME LIJIANG	CAP CANAILLE	TARNVAG
CHIKYU	TORENIA	ASHLEY SEA
ACOR	VELA	WILLEM JACOB
PACIFICATOR	LONDON COURAGE	STOLT TRANSPORTER
PAPILLON	EPTALOFOS	CMA CGM JUNIOR S
LIAN SHENG HU	WILLIFT FALCON	CMA CGM ROSSINI
NEO ENERGY	ALAM CERGAS	CSCL LONG BEACH
CHEMBULK MINNEAPOLIS	MADIRA PRINCE	CMA CGM MOZART

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CMA CGM ARISTOTE	SEABOARD SUN	SAGA JOURNEY
CMA CGM RIGOLETTO	LE PONANT	BRITISH COUNCILLOR
OCEAN CRESCENT	YASA PEMBE	PACIFIC WOLF
KURENAI	FAUST	MARAN GAS CORONIS
CHEMSTAR VENUS	ARTOIS	GOLDEN VENTURE
MERIOM ROSE	OMEGA LADY MIRIAM	YU SHAN
TRANS ALINA	AMUR	BAOSTEEL ELEVATION
MSC KOREA	CMA CGM TOSCA	ANDROMEDA SPIRIT
CMA CGM HOMERE	CMA CGM BERLIOZ	MACKINAW
KOTA SABAS	OOCL ITALY	NAVIOS PROSPERITY
OPAL LEADER	LE ELVANT	ID HARMONY
CHMROAD ROSE	MAERSK RADFORD	CMA CGM AZURE
AQUA	NEVSKIY PROSPECT	PREMARAJ TIDE
CMA CGM NORMA	SIDER UNITY	MALOLO
CMA CGM DEBUSSY	ESHIPS COBIA	BRITISH EMERALD
CMA CGM CHOPIN	SEAVOYAGER	NIKOMARINE
CMA CGM FIDELIO	MOL EXPERIENCE	PORT ANGELES
CMA CGM BIZET	TWINKLE	TAIHUA STAR
PERLA BULKER	LEWIS AND CLARK	RIVA WIND
EYLUL K	CMA CGM PUCCINI	NS CREATION
BAGDAD	FORMOSA SIXTEEN	YT VENUS
ARGANA	FREM VIDYA	CRETAN WAVE
CMA CGM NABUCCO	ORANGE TRIDENT	LINDA DREAM
TSINGTAO EXPRESS	CAPE VENI	NATCHAN RERA
CMA CGM LA TRAVIATA	OCEAN SPIRIT	DUBAI STAR
FORWARD BRIGHT	INVINCIBLE	CAPE BALTIC
CMA CGM MEDEA	COSCO YANTIAN	GOLDEN FRIENDSHIP
CMA CGM OTELLO	CLIPPER TAIPAN	SCF TOMSK

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MAREN	VENTURER	HIGH GLOW
VIRA BHUM	COOK STRAIT	BM BONANZA
NS LION	XICHANGHAI	PALUMA
BULK JAPAN	DIAMOND OCEAN	GENCO AUGUSTUS
NAVIOS ESPERANZA	ANANGEL EXPLORER	DUBAI KNIGHT
CLIPPER TIVOLI	ISIS	MSC MARA
CHALLENGER PACIFIC	GULF SHEBA	GULF MIST
CCNI NINGBO	VINALINES GLORY	MOL DRAKENSBERG
VIKING RIVER	ARIADNE JACOB	ZIM YOKOHAMA
VOLANS LEADER	OCTAVIA	GULF MIST
DYNA CRANE	RTM WAKMATHA	OOCL ANTWERP
SAFMARINE BANDAMA	TUNA QUEEN	GLOBAL SAIKAI
GHETTY BOTTIGLIER	UGALE	PHUONG NAM 1
BARKOCK	CAP PALMERSTON	HOEGH SYDNEY
JPO SCORPIUS	MCP LIMASSOL	DECURION
GRACE ACACIA	GLORIOUS SUNRISE	HIONA
BIANCO VENTURE	MOUNT GREEN	MAERSK RECIFE
MAY STAR	WASABORG	GRAND DIVA
MCP NICOSIA	AEGEAN NOBILITY	CMB AURELIE
MAERSK SENANG	ZEMIRA	MSC BRUXELLES
SMARAGD	SIGAS SONJA	C/S VEGA
OVERSEAS LUZON	SAPPHIRE SEAS	MICLYN GLORY
ELSE THERESA	GARIMA PREM	MSC DEBRA
FORTUNE PRICCESS	TAMPA BAY	ITAL FESTOSA
AQUILA ATMOSPHERE	CAPE CONDOR	RED TEAL
CLIPPER HEBE	BOTANY TROUBADOUR	GENMAR GEORGE T
ISABELLA KOSAN	DELIGHT VICTORIA	BBC AMAZON
BAKKEDAL	EAGLE TORRANCE	JOO YOUNG

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INDEPENDENT CONCEPT	DESPINA P	AFIYA
OOCL BREMEN	SAFMARINE SANAGA	RIBBON
HIGH LIGHT	BK BOSS	LADY ROSE
AL JABRIYAH	GENCO TIBERIUS	NEW RANGER
DALMATIA	YM SEATTLE	SAFMARINE MAFADI
ANTIKEROS	SOUTHERN STAR	POLYAIGOS
GOLDEN FALCON	AL JABIRAH	RAYS
AKMI	HOKUETSU HOPE II	HOEGH DUBAI
SUN WING	NS CORONA	VALLERMOSA
LAYLA	LOXANDRA	ASTRAKHANSKIY
SHANTAR-I	ITAL MASSIMA	SEAMERCURY
MOUNT VICTORIA	CN JUMOS	SAFONOVO
NCC ABHA	MARIDA PRINCESS	FRAM
GOLDEN SAKURA	ATLANTIC SPIRIT	CMB SAKURA
MIMOSA	SKS SEGURA	AURORA LIGHT
MIGHTY OCEAN	STAR PHOENA	MEDI ANTWERP
HELENA OLDENDORFF	COSCO BEIJING	ORIENTAL TULIP
BM MIMOSA	CMA CGM SWORDFISH	NYK DAEDALUS
HYUNDAI STRIDE	BOSPOROS	ATLANTIC BREEZE
BW LENA	CENTURION DEL ATLANTICO	PRIVATE
ASIAN PIONEER	AEGEAN HORIZON	LAZY Z
EASTERN HIGHWAY	APHRODITE LEADER	LNG ONDO
HYUNDAI ADVANCE	ATLANTIC CROWN	FAIRCHEM GENESIS
TRIGLAV	ASTRO CANOPUS	
WHITE KINGDOM	OTTOMAN DIGNITY	
BETEIGEZE	JONATHON P	
MOL EARNEST	DOLOMIT	
SHOW	SM-CO LUIZ	

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*Amver's mission is to quickly provide search and rescue authorities, on demand, accurate information on the positions and characteristics of vessels near a reported distress.*

## Notes from New York



After a successful trip to Russia and London, coupled with the winding down of a very busy awards season the Amver staff can finally start to breathe a bit easier. This rest, however, will not be short.

The Amver program is preparing for its 50th anniversary in 2008 and planning has been underway for some time.

Dinners, awards, public events, and

additional stories and publications are just some of the things planned for 2008.

In recognition of Amver's achievement of 50 years there are some enhancements to the system rolling out as well. Automating the process for rescue coordination centers to request Amver surface pictures is just one of the enhancements we have launched.

We would love to hear from shipmates that have worked in the Amver center over the last 50 years. We would also love to hear from shipmates that have been at sea, faithfully sending Amver messages through the years.

Amver is traveling to China to take part in Marintec 2007. Come by the stand and visit us at the Shanghai

New International Expo Centre, Pudong Shanghai, PRC. Amver will be in booth 1K32. We look forward to seeing our old friends and making new acquaintances along the way.