



# The Amver Bulletin

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## *Special points of interest:*

- Empire State Building Lights Up For Amver
- Multiple rescues
- New Participants



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## **The Empire State Building Lights Up for Amver!**



## M/V Bella L rescues lone sailor off coast of New Jersey

Captain V. Nychayev , master of the bulker Bella L, and his crew successfully rescued a lone sailor on July 8, 2008. The sailor notified rescue authorities that his sailboat was taking on water 800 miles off the coast of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Captain Nychayev, having been notified by the United States Coast Guard, was guided to the distress location by a Coast Guard aircraft from Air Station Elizabeth City.

After locating the sailboat and determining on scene weather and sea conditions were unsafe to lower the

lifeboats, Captain Nychayev ordered a pilot ladder over the side and crewmembers to stand by for rescue operations.

Maneuvering the massive ship alongside the sailboat the Captain ordered a life ring fitted with a strobe light thrown in the direction of the survivor.

Able Bodied Seaman Ivanov Ivaylo then directed the survivor into the life ring and pulled him aboard the Bella L.



The survivor, suffering only from mild hypothermia, was taken to the Bella L's next port of call.

Photo credit: Varna Shipping

## CSAV Mexico assists vessel beset by weather

On August 28 the M/V CSAV Mexico was diverted to assist the sailboat Defiance which was beset by weather approximately 150 miles off the coast of California.

The Mexico arrived on scene and, after determining the Defiance crew did not wish to abandon ship, passed survival equipment and

other supplies to the crew of the sailboat.

Once the Mexico provided the sailors survival equipment it was released and resumed its voyage.



## Songa Pearl rescues sailor near Bermuda



The M/V Songa Pearl was called upon to assist a sailor suffering from a severe medical condition early in September.

The sailor was in distress 275 miles north east of Bermuda when the United States Coast Guard requested them to divert.

Arriving on the scene the Songa Pearl's master and crew braved severe weather conditions to safely evacuate the ill sailor.

Photo credit: boatnerd.com

# Amver tanker saves four Swedes in high seas rescue

Four Swedish sailors were rescued by the tanker Parthenon in a dramatic high seas rescue, during weather so rough a rescue helicopter had to return to shore, shortly before midnight Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Captain Vasileiadis Lazaros, master of the Greek flagged tanker, was sailing to the Port of Setubal when his crew heard a distress call from the sailboat Sun Chaser approximately 84 miles west of Cabo Sao Vicente, Portugal. Within two minutes of receiving the distress Captain Lazaros was on the bridge directing the ship to proceed to the stricken sailboat.

Steering the 800 foot tanker, managed by Tsakos Group of Athens, Greece, towards the distress location Captain Lazaros notified Portuguese rescue authorities. "I ordered all crew to standby on deck," stated Captain Lazaros as he began preparing to rescue the four Swedes.

Coordinating his efforts with Radio Lisboa, Captain Lazaros overheard a Portuguese rescue helicopter order the Swedish sailors into a lifeboat. "The sailors radioed the rescue helicopter and said they could

not abandon ship in the rough weather because their lifeboat had been ripped from the sailboat and drifted away," Captain Lazaros added.

As weather conditions deteriorated the rescue helicopter was unable to

cued all four Swedish sailors.

The Swedish survivors, two men and two women, were cared for aboard the Parthenon and taken to Setubal where they were met by Portuguese officials.



safely hoist the sailors and returned to base leaving the 107,000 ton dead weight tanker the only means of rescue for the sailors.

"I ordered the Sun Chaser to make fast to our port side amidships and had the crew lay down the pilot ladder," Captain Lazaros recounted in an email to the Amver center. Within two minutes of lowering the pilot ladder the first survivor was safely on board the Parthenon. Within three hours of receiving the call for help the Parthenon had res-

The Parthenon has been an Amver participant since 2003.

Photo credit: Tsakos Shipping

# Welcome new Amver participants enrolled between July and September 2008

NANJING	JILL MCCALL	MILTON R. MCCALL
NASHWAN	SEABULK ASIA	LIMA
MAERSK JURONG	SEACOR ENTERPRISE	RIO DE JANEIRO
HYUNDAI INTEGRAL	SEABULK SAPPHIRE	NYK ORION
MEITA MARU	SEABULK TOUCAN	MSC LISBON
BM BREEZE	SEABULK ADVANTAGE	TRUST PIONEER
CARNIVAL SPLENDOR	SEACOR ENDURANCE	IGNALINA
LARA	SEACOR EXPRESS	CIELO DI TOKYO
IKAN TAMBAN	SMIT LLOYD 72	SHIRAKAMI
WESTERN WAVE	SEABULK LUANDA	BING N
STRANDEBARM	SEABULK ANGOLA	BRITISH RUGBY
MAERSK CALIFORNIA	ORACLE	OCEAN COBALT
BOW OLIVIA	SEABULK AFRICA	FR8 ADRIA
OVERSEAS SIFNOS	SEABULK SOUTH CAROLINA	MERKUR CLOUD
MN GALAPAGOS	MARILYN MCCALL	KNOSSOS PALACE
BIKIN	JOYCE MCCALL	SEABULK SOUTH ATLANTIC
MURWAB	ELIZABETH ANNE MCCALL	ALPINE MADELEINE
AL SAHLA	SEACOR CHEETAH	TORM RHONE
AL SHAMAL	GALAXIE	GLADIATOR
ALPHA FAITH	SEABULK BADAMYAR	CLIPPER SUN
LOWLANDS SUNRISE	SEABULK HARRIER	GECON I
YORDANKA NIKOLOVA	SEACOR GLORY	STENA CONQUEROR
VENTURA	ITAL MILIONE	TORM AALBORG
AMETHYST ACE	SEABULK SOUTH ATLANTIC	DEEP ENDEVOUR
HELLESPONT CREDO	HYUNDAI NO. 103	FISH HAWK
CORDILLERA	BELUGA FICTION	GLADIATOR
BBC TOGO	SEABULK ARIZONA	SKS SIRA
TS KOREA	SEACOR SPIRIT	INVADER
	JERED MCCALL	SCAN STGANDI

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TORM SALTHOLM	TAY SON 1	NORIENT SOLAR
CELESTIA	SUMATRA PALM	ENERGY CENTAUR
GENCA	TAY SON 3	AMELIA CACACE
DIANE H	LORINO	LYGRA
UMM LAQHAB	GENCO CAVALIER	APL DENVER
TRANSPORTER	CAPE DON	BBC ROSARIO
PRECEDENCE	GENCO MARINE	TALARIANTE
NILEDUTCH SINGAPORE	ME LINH	ECO III
HUMBER BRIDGE	EQUATOR	FU QING SHAN
HANOVER BRIDGE	TAY SON 4	HODA
RATNA NAMRATA	JA FRONTIER	CAPTAIN NICHOLAS ML
KOUROS	SEACOR ACHIEVER	BOW HARMONY
KOTA HANDAL	ISOLA CELESTE	PEDRA RUBIA
FRONTEIR DUCHESS	BBC HOLLAND	FURE WEST
TOYO	HORIZON HARMONIA	NOSCO GLORY
BAINO DAN	MERIOM RUGBY	SHIN SURUGA
ANG TIDE	KALIMANTAN PALM	TAY SON 2
PACIFICGAS	SAKURA SYMPHONY	OCEAN MARINER
CLIPPER HERMES	NORD MERCURY	FEDERAL MATTAWA
UNITED CHALLENGER	RIVER GLOBE	YASA AYSEN
FANOULA	DAPENG MOON	SCI DIYA
VINALINES MIGHTY	LEE A. TREGURTHA	VENUS GLORY
MORNING MIDAS	SEMI 2	PAULOWNIA
GLORIOUS EXPRESS	MOL COMPETENCE	SICHEM HIROSHIMA
SALVIA ACE	GEOWAVE COMMANDER	ATLANTIC LEO
PAN ADVENTURE	GEM OF COCHIN	SEASTAR
OVERSEAS NEW YORK	URSULA	BBC ORINOCO
ZIM RIO GRANDE	ELKA APOLLON	PACIFIC INNOVATOR

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CMA CGM PLATON	EAGLE BAY	PRABHU LAL
AFRICAN SANDERLING	ALPHA HELIX	GRAND ELENA
JAMES COOK	TUNA PRINCESS	IPANEMA
LIBRA SANTOS	MCP ATHENS	MORNING CHORUS
CAP ANDREAS	IMPALA	ASTRO CAPRICORN
SAGA PIONEER	MILLENNIUM PARK	SEA EMPEROR
ALPINE PERSEFONE	IBN QUTAIBAH	MAERSK SEVILLE
WIND	REBEKKA N	GRACE COSMOS
VIKING MERLIN	AL KHUWAIR	CHINA PROGRESS
ITAL ORDINE	MCP ROTTERDAM	RTM WEIPA
SIGNET COURAGEOUS	CAPE TREASURE	APL IRELAND
CERVANTES	LARK	ROPAX 2
KUTAI EXPRESS	NOSHIRO MARU	CSCL SAO PAULO
CAP PRESTON	GOLDEN YOSA	GROSSHERZOGIN
SILICIA	AFRICABORG	ELISABETH
NORDWINTER	MAREN BULKER	DUNCAN BAY
ARCTIC BEAR	YVONNE	MAERSK BORNEO
AFRICAN FUTURE	PICACHO	STX ACE 10
BELLE MASUKA	MAERSK INVERNESS	TRADEWIND LEGEND
UMBERTO D'AMATO	CONSTANCY	AMETHYST V
ZALIV AMURSKIY	ATLANTIC LILY	NEW PROSPERITY
CEILO DI PISA	ARCTIC BEAR	ENERGY PYXIS
GINGA MARU	FRIO CARIBIC	MOOSTAR
SEABULK ST. JAMES	TRANS LEADER	BAHIA BLANCA
CMA CGM MARINA	OCEANIC CORAL	OCEANIC CERISE
THAMES	CLIPPER LEADER	CLIPPER SUFFOLK
PACIFIC JASPER	MARE ADRIATICUM	SAPPHIRE
FRIENDLY SEAS	MILKY WAY II	INVESTIGATOR

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KING DUNCAN	CSAV RUNGUE	CMA CGM ORFEO
NCC ABHA	SKANDI FJORD	CCNI ANTILLANCA
FIDELITY	CSAV RUPANCO	DRAKE
SCARLETT LUCY	APEX SPIRIT	SUNLIGHT OCEAN
TUPI MAIDEN	ISOLA BLU	OCEAN DIAMOND
CLIPPER GLORY	DIMITRIS APESAKIS	NORD NAVIGATOR
FRAIHA	SWEET BRIER	HOEGH KYOTO
OVERSEAS KIMOLOS	PACIFIC WORKER	ELIZA
HIGH MERCURY	NAVIGATOR ARIES	JANA
LINDA DREAM	PU TUO HAI	PETER RONNA
APL SPAIN	MARY GORGAS	DA ZHONG
DOLLART	CIELO DI SAVONA	HANJIN DURBAN
VICTORIA	JIA SHUN SHAN	BELUGA MEDITATION
CORAL RUBY	CARMEL ECOFRESH	KLAZINA C
ANNA-BARBARA	KATIE ANN	SHEARWATER
NOVA GORICA	ALANGOVA	VIGILANT
TAIXING	IVER EXAMPLE	OVERSEAS ACADIA
ENERGY CENTURION	ASPHALT TRANSPORTER	ANIARA
LR2 PIONEER	YASA EMIRHAN	KOTA LAMBAI
TUBARAO MARU	GOYA	CAP GABRIEL
OOCL PANAMA	DELOS RANGER	MARAN GAS VERGINIA
HANG TA	PODLASIE	NORD RIO
SELENDANG KASA	NS POINT	OCEAN QUEEN
ANDREA D'AMATO	ASIAN PROGRESS III	SATURNUS
CHEMBULK NEW ORLEANS	ATLANTIC OLIVE	CASTLEGATE
STENA DRILLMAX	STAVANGER BLISS	EURODAM
VALTELLINA	MUIRFIELD	SKANDI ACERGY
FENG HUANG ZHOU	CMA CGM VIRGINIA	IBN RUSHD

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SAN ANDRES	LORD VISHNU	SUBHIKSHA
CARPRIOLE	ENERGY PATRIOT	SUMMIT RIVER
EAGLE HOPE	ORIENTAL ORCHID	HESTIA LEADER
SONGA RUBY	PELEUS	VASILYEVSKIY OSTROV
HERMIA	FUKUSHIMA MARU	OVERSEAS TEXAS CITY
MAERSK STOCKHOLM	MAERSK FUKUOKA	MEDIATOR
PRATIBHA CHANDRABHAGA	CSSL MONTEVIDEO	ATLANTIC INNOVATOR
ICE BASE	CHIYOTAMOU	ZIM SAO PAOLO
THERESA LIBRA	MARE AEGEUM	MAERSK JAMBI
BRITISH SAPPHIRE	MINERVA JOANNA	VINALINES GALAXY
SANKO INDEPENDENCE	BRO ALMA	VEZUVSK
CORAL NETTUNO	HANNAH	CAP CAPRICORN
LAPEROUSE	NEVERLAND SKY	MALATHI
VALERIE	BARBARA ANDRIE	ARTEMIS LEADER
NORD AMBITION	GAS DEFIANCE	MOL KOMATI
CPO NORWAY	MORNING MARGARETA	SICHEM EAGLE
TULUM	GOLTEN	AEGEAN HARMONY
MARIKA	HADI	DIAMOND STREAM
MANAH	ZHEN ZHU WAN	CLIPPER IMABARI
NOVA ERA	MAERSK SALALAH	GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
MCP FAMAGUSTA	MATSUSHIMA	SEA CLOUD
SAVINA CAYLYN	ICE BEAM	GRANATINA
GOLDEN CHARLOTTE	F.D. GENNARO AURILIA	JBU LEVAN
PONTODROMON	ERMIONE	CARGO ENDURANCE
ENRICA LEXIE	CMA CGM AMBER	STAR OF EMIRATES
YM AMERICA	KESWICK	RABIGH SUN
CLIPPER NEPTUN	SEA BEAR	NIU AILAN COAST
CASANNA	DEL SOL	DANESH
SARINE		

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KONGSVAAG

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PACIFIC FANTASY

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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



As the leaves turn and we begin thinking of the end of the year it's a good time to reflect back at Amver's history and success over the last 50 years.

July 18th marked our anniversary and the biggest celebrant may have been the Empire State Building. If you were looking across the Manhattan skyline on the evening of July 16th you saw the majestic landmark in the familiar Amver

colors of Blue—White—Blue.

In addition to the 50th anniversary there were many annual Amver awards ceremonies held around the world. The largest, by far, was the Greek Amver awards ceremony hosted by the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus. This year's ceremony was so large it had to be held in Athens largest venue at the Intercontinental Hotel. The Propeller Club also recognized Amver's anniversary by presenting us with a beautiful silver tray.

Finally, Amver launched its Facebook, Twitter, and Blog presence this summer. You can become a friend of Amver on Facebook, follow Amver on twitter at [twitter.com/Amver](https://twitter.com/Amver), or read the Amver blog at [amveruscg.blogspot.com](http://amveruscg.blogspot.com).

Now there is no excuse for not keeping up to date on all the latest Amver news.

This is the last Amver Bulletin before the holidays and I just want to take a moment and wish each of you a very happy holiday season.

Without the dedication and participation of you Amver would not enjoy the its success. Have a safe holiday season and stay tuned to the Amver blog!