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- *German's rescued*
- *New partnership*
- *Belgian award*

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German Family Rescued from Sailboat Foundering in the Atlantic

The crew of the APL owned container ship Hyundai Japan braved 25 knot winds and 15 foot waves to rescue a family of four—including a 5 year old and 18 month old—from the clutches of the Atlantic Ocean

1,600 miles from New York City June 9, 2008.

The Hyundai Japan, a Singapore flagged vessel and participant in the Amver system on long term charter from APL to Hyundai, overheard a distress call from the family aboard their 35 foot sailboat Dally On. The family was sailing from Antigua to the Azores when their boat was demasted and lost its rudder in a severe storm.

“They were in dire straits, so I said ‘I’m coming,’” explained Captain Parvez Guard, a 28 year veteran of APL and captain of the massive container ship.

While it took three tries, Captain Guard was able to bring his 980 foot ship alongside the stricken sailboat. Thirty-seven-



year-old crewmember Anthony Gomez-Stalin then scrambled down a pilot's ladder from the APL ship to the yacht. He snatched the 18-month-old infant in his arm and carried her up the ladder to safety. The other family members followed one-after-the-other. Within an hour of receiving the first distress call the survivors were safely aboard the Hyundai Japan and Captain Guard was steaming towards New York harbor.

United States Coast Guard representatives were on hand as the Hyundai Japan pulled into port and gave a special

commendation to Captain Guard and his crew for their efforts. “The crew acted in such a way as to ensure no call for help goes unanswered,” said Coast Guard Captain John Healey in presenting the commendation to APL. “On behalf of the United States Coast Guard we thank you for your outstanding seamanship and unwavering commitment to safety of life at sea.”



Amver and Pole Star Partner to Increase Safety at Sea

“Hope is the last thing to die... for those who find themselves in perilous conditions on our oceans, it's important they know a fellow mariner will come to their aid” stated Nicholas Pappadakis, INTER-CARGO chairman and board member of the Union of Greek Shipowners, as he commented on a unique partnership between Amver and Pole Star that will significantly increase the number of ships available to assist mariners in distress.

Starting this May, all vessels registered in Pole Star's Fleet Management service will be able to automatically report to the Amver sys-

tem at no cost to the operator or Amver. Pole Star, a maritime software company that tracks ships for owners, operators and charterers, was approached by Amver in 2007 and asked if they could make modifications to their software to allow for automated Amver reporting.

INTERTANKO are in support for this partnership as well. Capt. Howard Snaith, Director stated "INTERTANKO fully recognizes the huge benefits the Amver program has towards the safety of life at sea and is particularly pleased to learn of Amver's new human element approach towards continuous develop-

ment by decreasing the administrative burden on the Master.”



North Korean Ship Sinks Near Venezuela



On April 15, 2008 the M/V Aegean Angel was contacted by the United States Coast Guard and requested to divert approximately 157 nautical miles north of Venezuela to investigate the EPIRB of the North Korean flagged vessel Tel Tale II.

The master immediately diverted his ship and upon spotting survivors in a life raft ordered to crew to

begin rescue operations. Thankfully the 11 crewmembers of the North Korean flagged vessel were rescued.

In addition to the Aegean Angel, United States Coast Guard aircraft from Puerto Rico were launched as well.

Photo courtesy: Crew of the Aegean Angel

Belgian Ambassador Receives Amver Award

The United States Coast Guard Cutter Katherine Walker hosted a Belgian delegation, June 11, 2008 including Ambassador Johan Verbeke, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations, who received special recognition for Belgium's participation in the Amver search and rescue system. Amba-

sador Verbeke accepted the award on behalf of the Belgian maritime community.

Belgium has most of its flagged merchant vessels enrolled in the humanitarian search and rescue system. Some vessels have been participating 30 years or longer.



The Right Place At The Right Time; Amver Teams Up With Norwegian Dawn To Rescue 2

What are the chances a ship would be near two emergencies at sea within hours of each other? Two sailors may want to play the lottery because they were both rescued by the cruise ship Norwegian Dawn in separate incidents Monday June 30.

The first rescue, 210 miles off the coast of Cape Cod, Mass., involved the sailboat Patriot, on its way back from Bermuda where it competed in the Newport Bermuda race. One of Patriot's crewmembers was suffering from shock like symptoms and needed to be evacuated immediately.

Using the Amver system, United States Coast Guard rescue coordinators located the Bahamian flagged cruise ship Norwegian Dawn.

Norwegian Dawn, owned by Norwegian Cruise Line, was only 52 miles away when they received the

request to divert. The United States Coast Guard also launched a HU25 Falcon aircraft, from Air Station Cape Cod, Mass., to provide additional support for the rescue operation.

Norwegian Dawn Captain Trygve Vorren skillfully maneuvered the 965 foot cruise ship alongside the 40 foot sailboat and ordered a small boat lowered. Despite winds up to 35 knots and waves over five feet

the crew of Norwegian Dawn was able to embark the ill sailor without difficulty where he was treated for dehydration by the ships doctor.

When he learned of the rescue operations Stephen Furnary, owner of Patriot and Chairman and CEO of ING Clarion Partners, said, "The performance of the United States Coast Guard and Amver program was exemplary and worked well in

participating in the Newport Bermuda race, sustained a head injury and was losing consciousness.

United States Coast Guard search and rescue coordinators again turned to the Amver system and found Norwegian Dawn the closest and most appropriate vessel for the case.

"That's the beauty of the Amver system" said Captain David McBride, United States Coast Guard Chief of Search and Rescue, "It allows search and rescue coordinators to locate the best suited ship for the emergency which, in this case, was a cruise ship with a doctor on board."

Norwegian Dawn, owned by Norwegian Cruise Line of



every respect. You and your colleagues should be commended for a job well done and, most importantly, for using impeccable judgment in how to handle this matter."

Within twelve hours of rescuing the first person Captain Vorren was notified of another, potentially more serious, injury on the sailboat Misty approximately 260 miles south of Montauk, N.Y. A crewmember aboard the Misty, which was also returning from Bermuda after par-

Miami, Fla., has been a participant in the Amver system since 2002. This is not the first time it has been called upon to assist in an emergency at sea. In 2005 Norwegian Dawn was diverted to search for an overdue sailboat in the Caribbean.

Photo credit: Norwegian Cruise Line

Welcome new Amver participants enrolled between April and June 2008

OOCL KOBE	PRIGIPOS	GREAT SWAN
ESTHER SCHULTE	SEACOR CANYON	SIRIUS STAR
MSC CORDOBA	AZUL LEGENDA	GRAND SEA
APOLLON	FJORD	PACIFIC EMPIRE
FORTUNE OCEAN	ANET	BALTIYSKIY-110
SAN REMO II	NATCHAN WORLD	EL MAR VICTORIA
SALAH AL DEEN	MARUBA ORION	SALMI
MOL PRESENCE	MINERALI	TUXEDNI
SANDERUS	BBC TAHITI	HYUNDAI PROGRESS
OCEAN COURTESY	CIELO DI GENOVA	BREEZY
WAPPEN VON NORDERNEY	ANTONIS ANGELICOUSSIS	K&A SE
UNITED AMBASSADOR	PALAWAN	AQUAMARINE ACE
ERRIA IDA	YASA UNSAL SUNAR	NORD DESTINY
MAERSK SEMARANG	POS FREEDOM	JIN HUI
SAFMARINE BIA	CAPE GRACE	TRINITY ARROW
LIQUID ERA	FEDORA	SPLENDEUR
BOW KISO	COMBI DOCK I	MYS KOMMUNAROV
TRUST NAVIGATOR	SPT NAVIGATOR	SKY LADY
SENORITA	NAVIG8 STEALTH II	HIJAZ
BUNGA KASTURI ENAM	AMERICAN SPIRIT	AMERICAN CENTURY
WEST PHOENIX	GULF TITAN	THETIS GLORY
PETANI	MIKE O'LEARY	MEDI SINGAPORE
BERNORA	EXPLORER	DAPENG SUN
TOISA VALIANT	GARGANEY	INYALA
CAP BEAUFORT	MOUNT OWEN	SAFMARINE NGAMI
INDEPENDENT ACCORD	FEDERAL FRANKLIN	MINERAL HOKKAIDO
DINTELBORG	HELGA	HOEGH LONDON
CFL PROSPECT	STENA FR 8 1	ALESSANDRO DP

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BEFFEN	ITAL ORIENTE	PAVEL PANIN
ANDROMEDA	HAMMONIA PACIFICUM	COMMENCEMENT
NS LOTUS	STENA PERROS	IRON POINT
HU SHAN	TORM KANSAS	ALPINE MATHILDE
JAG PRAJA	CLIPPER TENACIOUS	MAERSK JENA
SANDTROLL	KIND SALUTE	OOCL BUSAN
PORT MAUBERT	RTM PIIRAMU	BALTIC FAITH
AVENUE PEARL	NORASIA BELLATRIX	CPO FRANCE
50 LET POBEDY	BRIDGE ARROW	ZALIV AVACHINSKIY
RIO DE LA PLATA	SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN	HIGH SATURN
HYUNDAI DYNASTY	TRADEWINDS PASSION	TRANS FUTURE 7
MAERSK SEOUL	ST. KATHARINEN	BELUGA FEDERATION
JACAMAR ARROW	BALTIC BETINA	FRIEDA SELMER
HAMOON	AN ZE JIANG	ITAL UNIVERSO
CAP FELIX	AUSTRALIA STAR	INDIAN POINT
BU SIDRA	ASIABORG	HIGH PRIORITY
HOKUETSU CENTURY	WIGEON	CHIHUAHUA STAR
TS SHENZHEN	CSAV RIO GRANDE	SAFMARINE NYASSA
CAPTAIN GEORGE L	OCEAN COSMOS	ANNY PETRAKIS
ALPHA HAPPINESS	ATLANTIC STAR	STX ACE 8
STX ACE 9	MARGIRIS	CHEMSTAR ANGEL
CSC PROGRESS	RIDGE	AKERAIOS
CHEMSTAR SEVEN	ALBERT MAERSK	CMA CGM FORTUNA
HYUNDAI BRIDGE	NORDAUTUMN	AL AAMRIYA
CHALLENGE PARADISE	INDIGO OCEAN	INTEGRITY
MORNING MENAD	NAMRUN	CFL PATRON
SIBULK TRADITION	FLORES DE MAYO	BUNGA MAS LIMA
MALINDI	PACIFIC HERON	BUNGA SEROJA DUA

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BUNGA MAS ENAM	ATHANASOIOS G. CILLITSIS	ALPINE PENELOPE
BUNGA RAYA SATU	SOUTHERN HIGHWAY	WALTZ
BUNGA SEROJA SATU	GEMINI PIONEER	WINDSOR KNUTSEN
BUNGA KEKWA	OCEAN COMMANDER	CAP NORTE
SERI ALAM	HANNES C	MOL WAVE
SERI AMANAH	RATNA SHRUTI	CAP PALLISER
SERI ANGGUN	HUA GIANG	MANOUSOS P
SERI AYU	CRESCENT HARBOUR	IST
SERI BAKTI	APOLLO 16	FRANCESCO CORRADO
SERI BEGAWAN	HOKEUTSU USHAKA	SITEAM VOYAGER
PERNAS BUTANE	MADONNA III	SHINAS
BELUGA FAOURISATION	BULK PACIFIC	OCEAN SEAL
CSC FRIENDSHIP	TIAN YANG FENG	SAGA ODYSSEY
HL MOOGAL	GRANDE CARIBE	BITU SEA
ALKOR	YM SATURN	MR. GOKSU
EN AVANT 7	SEYCHELLES PATRIOT	CS SUMMER
CARMEL BIO TOP	HIRMAND	VICUNA
VALLE DE CORDOBA	CMA CGM GEORGIA	CRIMSON POLARIS
SAFMARINE KARIBA	WIRON 6	HANJIN RIO DE JANEIRO
ARWEN	ANNA MAERSK	NCC HAIEL
JOHAN SUCCESS	KOTA PERMAS	PEAK
KATRINE STAR	TARGET	STENA ANTARCTICA
HYUNDAI GOODWILL	GLOBAL HIME	FREEPORT
MAERSK FUJI	AL HUWAILA	PLEASANT SKY
MELODY	LPG FIEMME	KOURION
UAL CYPRUS	NORDIC PIA	NORD FORTUNE
ONEGO ZONDA	STOLT STRENGTH	IKAN SAGAY
SINAR NUSA	MONTE ALBAN	DA HE

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DARYA MAHESH	ATLANTICBORG	BW SEINE
NCC DAMMAM	TASMAN CHIEF	NINTH OCEAN
EMIRATES STAR	SAN AURELIO	SKANDI STOLMEN
MOL WONDER	THETAGAS	SKANDI COMMANDER
CSAV COLON	AVENUE BEAUTY	SKANDI CHIEFTAIN
ANL WANGARATTA	CEDAR GALAXY	SKANDI CAPTIAN
MARIANN	MAERSK STEPnica	GEOSUND
VADIM POPOV	NILEDUTCH TIANJIN	STANDI NAVICA
CHINDIT	GEOHOLM	SKANDI INSPECTOR
DAVAKIS G	SKANDI SOTRA	GEO CHALLENGER
ANNA-ELISABETH	SKANDI CALEDONIA	AVENUE PRIDE
SWIFT ACE	S. FIGHTER	MARIA
HOEGH OSLO	GEM OF MADRAS	LAKE VALOR SW
SARAH DESGAGNES	GEOGRAPH	CHEM CLOVER
NORD NIGHTENGALE	SKANDI PMS I	HELLESPONT CHIVALRY
BLUE DIAMOND	GEOF JORD	SONGA PEARL
ROSBORG	SYN ZANIA	SKANKI CARLA
KUALA LUMPUR EXPRESS	BETH	SKANDI ACHIEVER
ANL WYONG	SKANDI MONGSTAD	NYK VESTA
IEVOLI SPRINT	SKANDI TEXEL	DUTCH RUNNER
SKANDI BARRA	CARAVELLE	FALCON EXPRESS
AL THUMAMA	BOW CAPE	APOLLO PACIFIC
TORM SALTHOLM	QUITO JAYA	JINDAL VARUNA
YARRAWONGA	CSCCL PANAMA	MCP GOTEBOG
GRANDE PROGRESSO	TAGA BAY	SKANDI FOULA
AL GHARRAFA	SKANDI MONGSTER	SKANDI BUCHAN
AVENUE STAR	SKANDI PATAGONIA	SAN ALESSIO
SHIH TOU SHAN	SKANDI ADMIRAL	BENETE BAY

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LUNA SPIRIT	COSCO KARACHI	BREMEN EXPRESS
CHALLENGE POINT	CMA CGM IGUACU	SAFMARINE TARABA
TORM MARIANNE	COMMODORE STRAITS	HELLAS GLORY
GLOBAL VANGUARD	FEDERAL II	DANIA SPIRIT
SKANKI WAVENEY	PACIFIC HORIZON II	MANDARIN EAGLE
SKANDI RONA	BW CARMEN	COSTA CONCORDIA
SKANDI HAV	SEA MAJESTY	GOLDEN IVY
HANJIN NORFOLK	APOLLO RIKUYO	ORIENTAL KERRIA
CLIPPER ORION	INCAT 050	W-O TOPA
MILL HOUSE	INFINITY RIVER	MADONNA
LADY MARGAUX	SANKO MINERAL	RANDGRID
VALERIE	NANAUMI	SONGA SAPPHIRE
SKANDI BERGEN	FREJA BALTIC	EK-SKY
SKANDI MARSTEIN	CMA CGM L'ETOILE	SECOND CHANCE
BOW LIMA	RATNA SHRADHA	TRANSPORTER
IVY GALAXY	PAVEL CHERNYSH	HOUMA BELLE
GEOBAY	MAERSK ARIZONA	HANDYTANKERS MARVEL
HYUNDAI QINGDAO	SOCRATES	SEA LYNX
BRITOIL 61	TASMAN CRUSADER	SEA LEAPORD
ATLANTIC TREASURE	FLOYEN	SVITZER SAKHALIN
INDEPENDENCE OF THE SEAS	TEZEY	TE HO
GLORIOUS LEADER	EX-STAR	HONAR
ISLA LEON	TOSA	ATLANTIC AQUARIUS
VENTURER	TAMAGAWA	TORM LAURA
CLIPPER SIRIUS	SEA TROUT	EXTURUS
BIANCO DAN	ATLANTIC CHALLENGER	EKEN
PORT PHILLIP	BOW KISO	OOCL HOUSTON
FUJI MARU	CAP CASTILLO	SEA TRADER

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APL LOS ANGELES

STENA CONCERT

MANFRED NYSTROM

MAERSK HUMBER

LNG IMO

NEW AMBITION

DD VIGILANT

CHEMROAD HAYA

BELUGA SKYSAILS

HIGH PROSPERITY

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Amver, sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, is a unique computer based, voluntary ship reporting system used worldwide by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to persons in distress at sea. With Amver, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best suited ship to respond.

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



By the time this reaches many of you Amver will have officially turned 50. The birthday is July 18, 2008. On Wednesday July 16, 2008 look onto the New York city skyline and you will see the Empire State Building glowing blue—white—blue in honor of this auspicious occasion.

Sadly the plans for a 50th anniversary gala had to be cancelled because of a lack of support from the maritime community. While I am

disappointed more companies didn't offer to sponsor the anniversary party I feel better because companies are still enrolling their vessels in droves. I would rather have a full Amver plot than a full dining room!

As the summer moves on keep in mind that Amver will be attending the Association for Rescue at Sea awards in Washington, DC on September 25, 2008. Amver will also be exhibiting at the United States Coast Guard Innovation Expo in Virginia Beach, VA November 17-21.

In June I had a rare opportunity to board the Hyundai Japan and thank the master and crew for saving the lives of four German's who were in considerable distress well

off the coast of New York. After a brief ceremony Captain Guard invited us to his wardroom for lunch. I cannot begin to tell you how delicious and hospitable everything was. The food was marvelous and we were given a tour of the ship from the bridge to the engine room. The ship is kept in good order and it is obvious the crew is proud of what they do.

The international aspect of Amver was evident on board the Hyundai Japan. The master is Indian, there were Philippine, Burmese, Guyanese, and Chinese all working together. The true spirit of Amver!

Amver award distribution is underway so watch your mail as over 5,100 awards are being distributed. Your award is coming soon.