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Special points of interest:

- **First Amver save of 2008**
- **First Amver SURPIC request save**
- **New Amver participants**

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Turkish tanker nets first Amver save of 2008 after sailor calls local pub!

A 61 year old British sailor is counting his blessings after being plucked from the middle of the Atlantic Ocean in the first Amver rescue of 2008.

The Brit, sailing to the United Kingdom on his 38 foot sailboat Padolu, fell and injured his hip 655 nautical miles north east of Bermuda. He notified his favorite pub in the UK who, in turn, notified British search and rescue coordinators in Falmouth, UK who then notified the United States Coast Guard.

Fortunately the United States Coast Guard Atlantic Area Rescue Coordination Center was able to locate the Amver participating tanker Action,

a Turkish owned oil tanker sailing to New Haven, CT from Europe. The 822 foot tanker, owned by the Geden Lines of Istanbul, Turkey, was only 5 hours away



when it diverted to assist.

The Action's Captain notified United States Coast Guard rescue coordinators that weather conditions were making rescue operations difficult. "The Padolu is not under command, she cannot use her

engines and cannot proceed to our ship" stated the Action's Captain, "Because of the sea condition there is a very high risk that she can have damage and sink without any rescue operation" he added.

With that, the Captain and crew of the Action rigged a system to allow the injured sailor to climb aboard the 822 foot tanker. The crew of the Action then coordinated with United States Coast Guard flight surgeons and administered ice to the sailor's injuries.

The Action continued to New Haven, CT where the injured sailor was taken to the hospital. Photo courtesy: M/T Action

Tanker crew recognized by Amver



The Amver staff met with the crew of the M/T Action while they were at anchorage in New Haven, CT to thank them for their efforts in rescuing a injured British sailor. The M/T Action had

enrolled in Amver on January 6, 2008 and was called on to rescue an injured sailor seven days later!

Pictured L to R: Amver Chief Benjamin Strong, M/T Action Master, M/T Action Engineer

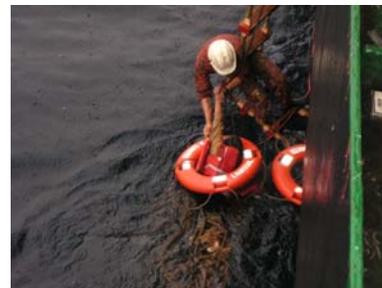
Greek Amver cargo ship rescues 14 near the Philippines

A routine voyage from Malaysia to Tawi Tawi turned deadly for 81 Philippine passengers whose boat capsized in rough weather. Fortunately the Amver vessel Ioannis K was in the vicinity and rescued 14 survivors.

The Ioannis K, a Greek owned bulk carrier, was sailing towards another Philippine port when they came across the hapless survivors. Men, women, and children were clinging to pieces of wreckage in the Sulu Sea. The Ioannis K quickly reported this distress to the Amver system and commenced search operations.

Captain Mitzelas, skipper of the dry cargo carrier, said his crew observed six people in the water around 2:40 pm local time on February 11. "We immediately commenced search and rescue operations finding another eight survivors at sea" he added. Three of the survivors were children. There were no apparent injuries.

"The survivors said there were originally 95 people in their party, sailing for three days from Malaysia to Tawi Tawi in three wooden boats when they capsized in bad weather" Captain Mitzelas stated. The Ioannis K continued to search for



survivors coming to the stark realization that there were none. At 5:30 the captain resumed passage to Villanueva, Philippines with the survivors on board.

Photo courtesy: crew of Ioannis K

Amver debuts at Shipping 2008

United States Coast Guard Rear Admiral Brian Salerno, center, and Mr. Jeffrey Lantz, left, paid a visit to the Amver booth at the Connecticut Maritime Association's Shipping 2008 conference and exhibition in Stamford, CT. This was Amver's first time at the CMA event and provided an excellent opportunity to share Amver's message.

Amver, celebrating its 50th anniversary, used its participation at CMA to reinforce its usefulness as a global search and rescue tool and to recruit new participants.

Look for Amver at other upcoming CMA events. We look forward to returning to Shipping 2009!

Photo courtesy: USCG



Amver plays a role in international rescue

On February 13 the M/V Wafrah was requested to divert by the United Kingdom Coast Guard Falmouth Rescue Coordination Center based on information they requested from Amver.

The vessel was requested to assist the yacht Brilliance which was in

distress. The Wafrah contacted the M/V Pan Voyager (right) which diverted and rescued the two sailors aboard.

Ironically, the rescued sailors own a local café just down the street from the Falmouth rescue center.

Photo courtesy: boatnerd.com



Amver participating tanker ship rescues 2 near Costa Rica

The Amver participating container ship Milan Express rescued two sailors from their disabled trimaran February 2, 2008 as it drifted 80 nautical miles off the coast of Costa Rica.

United States Coast Guard rescue personnel were alerted to the distress by the wife of one of the sailors. She said the crew emailed her reporting their trimaran, the Siesta Key, was adrift and had lost its sails. Rescue coordinators immediately notified Costa Rican Coast Guard officials and queried the Amver system to locate a merchant vessel near the disabled boat.

While Costa Rican Coast Guard personnel coordinated their re-



sponse assets, the Amver participating container ship Milan Express, owned by Hapag-Lloyd of Hamburg, Germany, was diverted by United States Coast Guard. The Bermuda

flagged container ship, under the command of Captain Adil Ghadiali, steamed almost 10 hours to the distress location and commenced rescue operations.

After less than an hour on scene the Milan Express had both survivors safely onboard. The crew of the Siesta Key was surprised to learn they would have to abandon their boat. "To his credit, Captain Ghadiali with abundant sensitivity and with gentle and patient persuasion explained to us the situation which we faced" said Jack McKenney, Captain of the Siesta Key. Photo courtesy: Milan Express crew

Sailors lost at sea for 19 days thankful for Amver

On March 16 the M/V Tauranga Star was requested to divert by the United States Coast Guard Eleventh District Rescue Coordination Center to assist a disabled and adrift small boat approximately 110 nautical miles southwest of the Costa Rica/Panama border.

The master and crew of the Tauranga Star were able to rescue

the two sailors and transport them to their next port of call.

The survivors had reportedly been adrift for 19 days and were no doubt happy to see the rescue vessel.

Photo courtesy: Dobson Fleet Management Ltd.



Horizon Falcon wins Navy League Amver Award

Captain Thomas McDorr, Master of the Horizon Lines vessel Horizon Falcon, accepts the Navy League New York Chapter Amver award during it's



recent dinner at the Marriott Marquis in New York City.

Captain McDorr and his crew led the rescue efforts July, 2007 when the Hai

Tong 7 sank in heavy weather north of Guam.

The crew of the Horizon Falcon displayed extraordinary courage and heroism in the face of life threatening sea conditions to rescue several Chinese crewmembers of the ill fated vessel.

Welcome new Amver participants enrolled between January and March 2008

OMEGAS	MINERVA JULIE	ALBERT JACOB
THAIOIL 10	STENA FR8 2	MEG
FEDERAL BAFFIN	QUEEN VICTORIA	GRAND DIAMOND
CRESCENT HARBOUR	YM JUPITER	GLOBAL ENDEAVOR
RIJEKA	MEDI SENTOSA	FRIO MARATHON
JIA YIN GUAN	PAX SILVA	KEILIR
STOLT SWAZI	CENTURION DEL ATLANTICO	CAP CAMPBELL
ACTION	MORNING CARINA	HANJIN NINGBO
HELLESPONT PROTECTOR	NCC SUDAIR	COSTA FORTUNA
GOLDEN	AMERICAS BRIDGE	FUJIKAWA
TOLEDO SPIRIT	MAERSK SURABAYA	MARIANO LAURO
SPT EXPLORER	AMERICAN NO 1	CCNI BUSAN
VOLUMINIA	NCC TABUK	CAP PORTLAND
NORDEN	MARINA M	SANKO KING
SEA HANA	BW EDELWEISS	IYO WIND
MSC OLGA	NORTH CRUSADER	MAERSK JAKOBSTAD
MAR ALMUNDENA	CHEMBULK LINDY ALICE	UNIVERSAL GLORIA
NAUTICA	CMA CGM VERDI	BW ATLAS
TEMBEK	BAHIA LAURA	ATLANTIC EAGLE
CENTURION	STAR GAMMA	NAVIGATOR
BRIGHT MOON	BORGNY DOLPHIN	NEW ABILITY
MSC MONTEREY	FLANDERS LOYALTY	OSC VICTORIADIEP
SWIFT STRONG	ANANGEL HAPPINESS	TS JAPAN
SOPHIE BOLTEN	TIARA GLOBE	CAP BIANCO
NEXANS SKAGERRAK	AVIATOR	DESERT SERENITY
MINERVA GEORGIA	GENCO LONDON	MING ZHOU 58
NORD FAST	MEDI VALENCIA	RIVER PRIDE
GENCO PREDATOR	FRANCISCA SCHULTE	DUHAIL

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ISHAIL K	OCEAN ANGEL	MICHIGAN HIGHWAY
IKAN SUDIP	SHIGEN	BARACOA
AOMI	MILLENNIUM	MAERSK DAVENPORT
CIELO DI VENEZIA	PELORUS	PEARL RIVER I
SITEAM EXPLORER	BELUGA FLIRTATION	ZEYNEP A
BELUGA FORMATION	BIRTH ARROW	VALVERDE
PAKSOY 1	SOLT FRIGATE	SEVILLIA
CAPE SANTIAGO	NATASJA THERSA	MAERSK SINGAPORE
DIANA	MERMAID	EUROPA BRIDGE
OVERSEAS SERIFOS	DOLPHIN STRAIT	MILL REEF
MARUBA EUROPA	GENMAR ST. NIKOLAS	IVS CABERNET
CAPE BRASILIA	ANDALUCIA	SWAN ACE
REIMEI	TMM TEPALCATES	BUNGA KELANA 7
CLIPPER HELEN	ATLANTIC GEMINI	KHK VISION
INTERPID	NYK DIANA	EAGLE TURIN
MONICA SOFIA	ROYAL EPIC	ALBUTAIN STAR
ASIAN TRUST	CORONA LIONS	SAN AMERIGO
ATLANTIC FRONTIER	GIANT SKY	PUELICHE
KERSAINT	NCC QASSIM	MSC BUSAN
SEVEN EXPRESS	ORIENTAL MARGUERITE	MONTE TAMARO
NYK DENEBO	CHAMPION PLEASURE	ABU DHABI STAR
ZALIV AMERIKA	MAERSK BEAUMONT	GRETA
MAERSK NEPTUNE	NORWEGIAN JADE	POLAR MARINER
BELUGA FIGHTER	CRIMSON MARS	CALA PORTOFINO
EL LOBO	GRACE BARLERIA	CLIPPER KRYSTAL
ISTRA ACE	AL GHARIYA	ICE POINT
MITOSE	MAERSK VENTURE	BW PRINCESS
CHS COSMOS	BILLION TRADER 1	VENUS

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TRITON SEAGULL	MARI UGLAND	SILVER LAKE
LIBETY OF THE SEAS	OCEAN MORAY	PRETTY WORLD
GOLDEN KAORI	PATRIOT SPIRIT	MAERSK JAMESTOWN
BELUGA RECOMMENDATION	HEAVYLIFT EAGLE	F.D. JACQUES GRAUBART
MOL ADVANTAGE	LAFJORD	AQUITANIA
NYK DEMETER	GLORIUS LOTUS	KING HALO
LAKE DANY	BB WORKER	CAPE MED
RBD CAPRI	PETALOUDA	NORIENT SATURN
NAGIG8 FIDELITY	AMERICABORG	CYPRESS GALAXY
PETROHUE	JURA	SCG AMUR
MAERSK BINTAN	NYK CLARA	DILIGENCE
CMA CGM FLORIDA	HANOVER EXPRESS	BOW FUJI
MSC BENGAL	ANL WINDARRA	BW RHINE
NEW ACTIVITY	DIOMED	PACIFIC CHALLENGER
MAERSK NUCLEUS	DISCOVERER SPIRIT	SEA VOYAGER
SELECAO	PIRIN	NAVIOUS ALDEBARAN
KOKKARI	LOWLANDS PHOENIX	INGRID OLDENDORFF
MAERSK SELETAR	CALEDONIA	STOLT SAGALAND
MOL SOLUTION	SEA POWER	PRITA DEWI
MARUBA MAXIMA	NEW ADVANCE	EMERALD PRINCESS
BAHIA CASTILLO	TH SYMPHONY	MORNING CHARLOTTE
TESSA KOAN	BELUGA FASCINATION	AURORA
CORAL FAVIA	ERKAN K	KOTA JATI
ALPHA PRUDENCE	AL HAMLAM	AL SAFLIYA
NAVIOS ALEGRIA	CLEAN FORCE	OCEAN CAMELOT
ORIENTAL FRESSIA	OOCL AUSTRALIA	GRIFFIN VENTURE
SEAMARLIN	NORTHERN LIGHT	OCEAN MARS
ATLANTIC HOPE	FLORA PIONEER	SERENA M

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STADT WEIMAR	TROPIC CARIB	MAERSK JENNINGS
OOCL YOKOHAMA	MSC MALTA	CAP MONDEGO
CAPE FAWLEY	MSC BILBAO	SICHEM ONOMICHI
HANDYTANKERS MIRACLE	OCEAN CRIMSON	KATHRYN BAY
ECOAN G.O.	CRACE ACACIA	SERPENTINE
SPIRIT OF BRAZIL	MORNING CAROLINE	NIJINSKY
USCGC PENOBSCOT BAY	EMERALD LEADER	EVELYN
GENCO CONSTANTINE	CLIPPER LEGACY	UNICORN OCEAN
GUANABARA	UBC SANTOS	MAERSK TERRIER
NYK DELPHINUS	HS LISZT	RATU TEMBAGA
OCEANEER	ARAMIS	MODERN EXPRESS
GOLDEN SAGUENAY	HYUNDAI HIGHWAY	MARUBA ASIA
KARINE BULKER	PALENA	BAHIA GRANDE
CHEMROAD LILY	GOLDEN ORCHID	
FREEDOM OF THE SEAS	JUL SOFUS K	
MAERSK KELSO	BUNGA KELANA 9	
ANTILLES VII	CELESTINE RIVER	
IRIS GLORY	CORAL GARNET	
MAERSK KENDAL	WINDSOR ADVENTURE	
BULK PARAISO	DENG ZHOU HAI	
G.B. CORRADO	FLORIDA HIGHWAY	
FARM COVE	STAR QUALITY	
FORTUNE RAINBOW	PROMETHEUS LEADER	
POMORYE	PURWATI	
GENCO HUNTER	BRAKEN	
NISSHIN TRADER	SAFFO	
ATLANTIC BLUE	OCEAN VICTORY	
SUCCESSOR	CHEMBULK KINGS POINT	

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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



Springtime in New York means the Amver office is buzzing with awards activity. We eclipsed last years award number and will process 5,252 awards this year. Our State Department partners can expect to see the annual cable distributed mid May.

The 50th Anniversary planning continues with an exciting evening planned for July 10, 2008. Lloyd's List has graciously sponsored a sa-

lute to Amver evening at Cipriani's on 42nd Street in New York City. There isn't a finer venue and the entire Amver staff is grateful for Lloyd's involvement in the celebration.

Visit <http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/awards/amver/index.htm> to learn more about how you can be a part of this incredible celebration.

There are several Amver award opportunities on the horizon. The Lloyd's List Amver Assisted Rescue at Sea award will be given in early April followed by the Safety at Sea International Amver award.

Amver is also pleased to announce the Chamber of America Shipping will be recognizing Amver participants involved in dramatic rescues at their annual safety luncheon in

Houston June 5, 2008.

Finally, the Association for Rescue at Sea will host their annual awards program in Washington, DC on September 25, 2008.

Please watch your mail for your Amver awards and don't hesitate contacting our office if there are discrepancies in the awards. Keep in mind, however, that our awards data is obtained from the Lloyd's database and is only as accurate as the information you, the mariner, puts into the database. To ensure awards get to the proper place update your information today.