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Viva Amver! Amver ship rescues French sailor near Cuba

NEW YORK – A French yachtsman was rescued by an [Amver](#) ship 35 miles southeast of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba after abandoning his sinking sailboat on February 4, 2012.

The Frenchman reported he hit a rock earlier on the morning of February 4th and his sailboat began taking on water. He immediately activated his [Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)](#) and abandoned the sailboat into his life raft. The yachtsman also radioed a passing commercial ship which turned out to be the Amver participating freighter, Fuji Bay.

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.

The captain of the [Liberian flagged](#) freighter heard the distress call and maneuvered the 485 foot ship alongside the life raft. The crew of the Fuji Bay hoisted the sailor aboard their ship and checked him for injuries. The Frenchman was uninjured and remained with the Fuji Bay until it reached Cristobal, Panama where he made arrangements to return to France.

The Fuji Bay, managed by [Seatrade Groningen BV](#), Netherlands, [enrolled](#) in Amver in 1990 and has earned [participation awards](#) for the past 15 years.

With Amver, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond. Vessels send periodic position reports to the Amver center until arriving at their port of call.

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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 day there are over 5,000 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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