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Special points of interest:

- Amver travels attends Posidonia
- Video available on Amver website
- Multiple Amver rescues

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Amver at Posidonia



Once again Amver represented the United States Coast Guard at the Posidonia Exhibition in Athens, Greece.

Ambassador Charles Parker Ries welcomed Mr. Benjamin Strong, Director of Amver Marketing, during the opening ceremonies. Ambassador Ries recognized the important contribution Greek shipping has made to Amver.

Despite warm temperatures and a new venue, the show was a marvelous success. Many current participants visited the Amver stand to say hello and introduce themselves. It is always nice to meet the international participants in the program and personally thank them for their participation.

Posidonia, however, is about more than glad handing. The largest shipping exhibition in the world was the place to encourage those that have not yet decided

to participate in the Amver safety network to enroll their vessels.

Many new ship owners committed to enrolling their vessels. As a result of attending Posidonia, Amver saw an additional 104 ships enrolled in the program.



Smile, you're on candid camera!



As video cameras and cell phone cameras

proliferate the marketplace more and more crew members are able to cap-

ture videos of actual Amver rescue operations.

The United States Coast Guard has also armed its aircraft and helicopters with cameras.

This has allowed Amver.com to sport incredi-

ble video footage of rescue operations as they happen.

Please email photos and video clips to the Amver office for inclusion on the website.

Multiple vessels divert to assist M/V DAYANA

On August 10, 2006 the M/Vs PATAGONIA, STOLT CREATIVITY, OSPREY I, and ALERCE participated in rescue operations to assist the crew of the M/V DAYANA which sank 115 nautical miles East of San Andres, Columbia.

According to PATAGONIA's master, they spotted the survivors in the water and immediately notified MRCC Panama while commencing rescue operations.

The United States Coast Guard also participated in this incident, assisting in the rescue of 8

crew members.

The PATAGONIA single handedly rescued five survivors and provided assistance to a sixth who was recovered by a USCG small boat.



STOLT CREATIVITY rescued 2 while the OSPREY I successfully rescued one other survivor.

This type of cooperation highlights the skill and coordination



that goes into a rescue of this magnitude.

The crews and companies

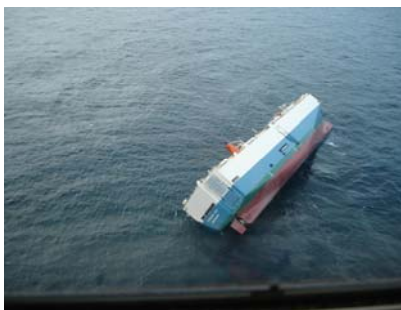
that participated in this incident, and continue to support participation in Amver, should be proud of their actions.

Photos courtesy of Pacific Basin Shipping.

Amver vessels come to the aid of the M/V COUGAR ACE

The dramatic pictures of the listing M/V COUGAR ACE demonstrated the inherent perils of shipping. Even in calm waters mariners can end up in perilous situations.

Fortunately for the crew of the COUGAR ACE the United States Coast Guard was quick to dispatch search and rescue resources.



The M/Vs BUSAN EXPRESS, IKAN

JUARA and BAUNINI, all diverted

to assist. IKAN JUARA arrived on scene but was unable to affect a rescue because of the COUGAR ACE's severe list.

Instead, USCG and Alaska Air National Guard helicopters rescued the 23 crewmember aboard.

USCG photo

Amver continues to break records

The record daily plot of 3,348 vessels was broken on August 19th when the record climbed to 3,358 ships available to divert in an emergency.

Furthermore, an additional 737 ships have enrolled in Amver since January.

Numbers like these highlight the importance and respect given Amver and its acceptance as a global search and rescue tool.

International RCCs are reminded that they can request an Amver Surface Picture (SURPIC) from the United States Coast Guard by con-

tacting either the United States Atlantic or Pacific Rescue Coordination Centers. Contact information is available on the Amver website, www.amver.com.

M/V JOBST OLDENDORFF rescues sailor in the Pacific



On July 26, 2006 the M/V JOBST OLDENDORFF was diverted to embark a 60 year old male who was suffering an acute attack of kidney stones.

The sailor, from the S/V DON'T

LOOK BACK, was happy to not look back on his painful adventure.

The master of the OLDENDORFF stated the sailor "is a sociable gentleman who is quite happy to not be pitching and rolling in the sea."

Mr. Marinshaw received medical attention while onboard the OLDENDORFF and was disembarked at the next port of call, Los Angeles Long Beach.

Rescues at sea don't always involve high drama. It is good to know that mariners are available to assist everyone in distress, not just those in life threatening situations.



Photo at left: From the left to the right: 4th Engineer Cachilla A.T., Mr. Marinshaw (survivor) T.N.A/B Umar A.R., A/B Fodulla E.K. and 2nd Officer Virgiyanto A.M.

Photo above: M/V JOBST OLDENDORFF

Photos courtesy of Oldendorff Carriers USA

The Navy League of the United States presents Amver Award

The United States Navy League presented its annual Navy League Amver Award Medal to the Carnival Cruise Ship HOLIDAY for its rescue of several fishermen (including a 10 year old boy) who's vessel had sunk near the Yucatan Straights.

The award, inaugurated in 1997, was established to recognize an exceptional rescue at sea, involving a U.S.-owned, crewed, or operated

commercial ship participating in the AMVER system. The award is presented only in those years where a rescue of appropriate significance takes place.

The officers and crew of C/S HOLIDAY exhibited professionalism and skill under a difficult,



precarious and uncertain scenario and should be justifiably proud of their accomplishment.

Amver congratulates them on this achievement.

Photo courtesy of Beverly Howard

Amver participates in World Maritime Day

Just down the promenade from the Amver office in New York is the American Merchant Marine Memorial. The memorial is



a fitting location for celebrating Maritime Day.

Clergy from the Seaman's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey along with members of the Edwin J. O'Hara chapter of the American Merchant Marine Veterans had a small ceremony and

placed a wreath at the memorial.

Amver recognizes the contributions made by the members of the merchant marine in making Amver a successful search and rescue program.

Photo courtesy of Beverly Howard

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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



Despite challenges with taxi drivers and unseasonably cool temperatures, Amver made a showing at the Posidonia

Shipping Exhibition in Athens, Greece.

This year's shipping exhibition was held at the old international airport in Greece.

In addition to Greece's outstanding hospitality, Posidonia offered an opportunity for me to personally thank the Greek, and international, shipping community for their continued support of this vital search

and rescue system.

I was encouraged by the number of younger ship owners who came by the Amver booth and said "My father told me I need to enroll my vessels in this program" or "Please help me get my ships enrolled, my parents talk about the importance of Amver."

As I attended the show and talked with ship owners I was amazed at the level of respect Amver has internationally. It is easy to take for granted what you see every day. For mariners, helping those in need at sea is part of a tradition that stretches back generations.

The Greeks are particularly proud of their involvement with Amver. If not for their staunch participation and grand awards ceremony each

year, it is difficult to say just where Amver would be today.

I want to personally thank the U.S. Embassy staff in Athens, the members of the Commercial Service, and Mr. Savas Kalafatides.

If not for the hard work of the Embassy and the Propeller Club, Port of Piraeus, Amver awards in Greece might never happen.

Posidonia reminded me of the worldwide impact and support Amver has. As I continue to travel I will be sure to single out other countries and individuals that help to promote this valuable system.

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