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Polish Amver ship rescues one lucky puppy!

NEW YORK – Who let the dogs out is what the crew of the Amver participating Polish research vessel *Baltica* were thinking Thursday after rescuing a dog from an ice floe in the Baltic Sea.

According to United Press International, the Polish research vessel *Baltica*, an Amver participant since 2005, launched an inflatable boat when they spotted the dog floating on the ice in the sub-zero temperatures. In an interview with UPI, second engineer Adam Buzinski said “It was obvious the dog was very weak.” “He almost went under the surface of the water.” The dog had floated over 70 miles down the Vistula River in Poland. The crew of the *Baltica* named the pup *Baltic*.

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Search and rescue authorities typically request commercial vessels to respond to more traditional maritime or aeronautical emergencies at sea. “This incident continues the tradition of Amver ships' unselfish-willingness to save lives at sea and ensuring no call for help goes unanswered. It is heartwarming to see the effort taken by the vessel *Baltica* to save of one man's best friends.” said Captain David McBride, Chief of United States Coast Guard Office of Search and Rescue.

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With Amver, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond. Prior to sailing, participating ships send a sail plan to the Amver computer center. Vessels then report every 48 hours until arriving at their port of call. 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 given day there are over 3,700 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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