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AMVER participating car carrier saves 5

NEW YORK – The Amver participating car carrier Astral Ace rescue five fishermen in the South China Sea on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

According to a press release by MOL Shipmanagement, The Panamanian flagged car carrier was sailing from Singapore to Thailand when crew members spotted the fishermen abandoning a fishing vessel near the Malay Peninsula. Within an hour of discovering the distress the survivors were safely aboard the 570-foot ship.

The captain of the Astral Ace arranged to disembark the two Malaysian and three Indonesian fishermen with Malaysian Maritime Rescue authorities.

The Astral Ace enrolled in Amver on June 15, 2000 and has earned three Amver participation awards.

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. With Amver, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond. On any day there are over 7,000 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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