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AMVER VESSEL RESCUES 70 YEAR OLD SOLO SAILOR

NEW YORK – The Amver participating tanker Tambourin rescued a lone sailor 330 miles north east of French Guyana. Jerry Lomax, aboard the 26 foot sailboat Nell Gwyn II, contacted an amateur radio operator to report he had lost all power aboard his vessel.

The rescue coordination center in Forte de France, working with the United States Coast Guard Atlantic Area Command Center and the rescue coordination center in Falmouth, UK, diverted the Amver participating Liberian flagged tanker to rescue Mr. Lomax.

According to rescue coordinators in Falmouth, UK, Mr. Lomax had plenty of food and water on board while waiting for the Amver vessel to arrive on scene.

The master of the tanker Tambourin, Captain Per Tillaeus, arrived at the location of the disabled sailing vessel and ordered a rescue boat lowered. Within an hour of arriving on scene Captain Tillaeus and his crew successfully rescued Mr. Lomax and had him onboard the Tambourin.

The Tambourin brought Mr. Lomax to Barbados and continued on its voyage to Mexico.

The Amver system is a voluntary, worldwide ship reporting system. 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 3,000 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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