



## Press Release

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### **AMVER participating cruise ship saves two sailors from deserted Pacific island**

**NEW YORK** – The [Amver](#) participating cruise ship *Celebrity Solstice* rescued two sailors from a deserted island after their 37-foot sailboat was damaged after running aground on a deserted island near Malden Island, Kiribati on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

The two sailors were on a voyage from Tahiti to Hawaii when they ran aground on a reef and radioed a family member their boat was damaged but they were safe on the island. The family member then contacted U.S. Coast Guard rescue personnel in Hawaii.

Rescue personnel used Amver to locate the *Celebrity Solstice* only 184 miles from the stranded sailors. The captain of the 963-foot ship agreed to divert and rescue the sailors. The cruise ship was able to communicate with the sailors by radio and instructed them to hike to a suitable location for the cruise ship to land a rescue boat. The two survivors were taken aboard the cruise ship and transported back to Hawaii.

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 *Celebrity Solstice* [enrolled](#) in Amver on October 28, 2008 and has earned six [Amver participation awards](#).

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 more than 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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