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THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME; NORWEGIAN DAWN AND AMVER TEAM UP TO RESCUE TWO SAILORS IN THE ATLANTIC

NEW YORK – What are the chances a ship would be near two emergencies at sea within hours of each other? Two sailors may want to play the lottery because they were both rescued by the cruise ship Norwegian Dawn in separate incidents Monday June 30.

The first rescue, 210 miles off the coast of Cape Cod, Mass., involved the sailboat Patriot, on its way back from Bermuda where it competed in the Newport Bermuda race. One of Patriot's crewmembers was suffering from shock like symptoms and needed to be evacuated immediately.

Using the Amver system, United States Coast Guard rescue coordinators located the Bahamian flagged cruise ship Norwegian Dawn. Norwegian Dawn, owned by Norwegian Cruise Line, was only 52 miles away when they received the request to divert. The United States Coast Guard also launched a HU25 Falcon aircraft, from Air Station Cape Cod, Mass., to provide additional support for the rescue operation.

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.

Norwegian Dawn Captain Trygve Vorren skillfully maneuvered the 965 foot cruise ship alongside the 40 foot sailboat and ordered a small boat lowered. Despite winds up to 35 knots and waves over five feet the crew of Norwegian Dawn was able to embark the ill sailor without difficulty where he was treated for dehydration by the ships doctor.

When he learned of the rescue operations Stephen Furnary, owner of Patriot and Chairman and CEO of ING Clarion Partners, said, "The performance of the United States Coast Guard and Amver program was exemplary and worked well in every respect. You and your colleagues should be commended for a job well done and, most importantly, for using impeccable judgment in how to handle this matter."

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Within twelve hours of rescuing the first person Captain Vorren was notified of another, potentially more serious, injury on the sailboat Misty approximately 260 miles south of Montauk, N.Y. A crewmember aboard the Misty, which was also returning from Bermuda after participating in the Newport Bermuda race, sustained a head injury and was losing consciousness.

United States Coast Guard search and rescue coordinators again turned to the Amver system and found Norwegian Dawn the closest and most appropriate vessel for the case.

“That’s the beauty of the Amver system” said Captain David McBride, United States Coast Guard Chief of Search and Rescue, “It allows search and rescue coordinators to locate the best suited ship for the emergency which, in this case, was a cruise ship with a doctor on board.”

Norwegian Dawn, owned by Norwegian Cruise Line of Miami, Fla., has been a participant in the Amver system since 2002. This is not the first time it has been called upon to assist in an emergency at sea. In 2005 Norwegian Dawn was diverted to search for an overdue sailboat in the Caribbean.

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 3,300 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.

High resolution photo of the sailing vessel Patriot rescue can be viewed here:

<http://www.amver.com/p6300024.jpg>

Video of the Patriot can be viewed here:

http://cgvi.uscg.mil/media/main.php?g2_itemId=317911

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