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Maritime Commission Chairman presents Amver awards in Hong Kong

NEW YORK – On September 7th, U.S. Federal Maritime Commission Chairman Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr. presented awards to Hong Kong ship owners and ship managers on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard for their continued participation in Amver.

Speaking about his personal connections with Hong Kong – a painting in his office depicting vessels proudly flying American flags in Victoria Harbor and the name of his home city's waterfront area, Canton in Baltimore – Chairman Lidinsky commended award recipients for their important role in fostering foreign trade and thanked them for their cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Hosted by the Hong Kong Ship Owners Association, the event drew over 90 members from Hong Kong's maritime industry.

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. 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.

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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.

Photos of the event are located here:
http://flic.kr/p/8EqaP6
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