

*Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System*  
**U.S. Coast Guard**



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### **AMVER participating cargo ship assists in Atlantic rescue: VIDEO AVAILABLE**

**NEW YORK** – The Amver participating cargo ship Ocean Crescent responded to a call to rescue the crew of a 55-foot catamaran with five people on board 200 miles south southeast of Cape Hattaras, North Carolina on Friday, January 30, 2015. The five survivors were eventually rescued by a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter.

Rescue personnel at the Coast Guard's Fifth District command center received a report the 55-foot catamaran Rainmaker was demisted and adrift off the North Carolina coast. Using an Amver Surface Picture, rescuers diverted the 393-foot ship to assist in the rescue efforts and launched an Air Station Elizabeth City helicopter.

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.

“I am on the scene and ready to make an approach to recover the people on board,” the captain of the Ocean Crescent reported. The transfer to the ship proved unsafe and the ship maneuvered to provide a lee while the helicopter hoisted the five yachtsmen.

The helicopter transported the survivors to shore. The crew of the Rainmaker plans to salvage the catamaran.

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The Ocean Crescent enrolled in Amver on April 7, 2003 and has earned four Amver participation awards.

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.

VIDEO OF THE RESCUE IS AVAILBLE HERE:

<http://www.dvidshub.net/video/389581/coast-guard-hoists-5-damaged-sailboat-200-miles-off-nc-coast#.VMx8Bcb6V6g>

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