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Amver participating cruise ship rescues migrants

NEW YORK – The Amver participating cruise ship Celebrity Reflection notified U.S. Coast Guard rescue authorities their crew rescued ten Cuban migrants from a sinking rustic vessel 26 miles southeast of Lower Matecumbe Key, Fla. on Sunday March 1, 2015.

Crew members from the cruise ship reported "... a vessel with people flashing a light...". The crew of the Malta flagged cruise ship launched a rescue boat and embarked the migrants as their boat was breaking apart. The migrants were brought aboard the cruise ship and given a medical examination.

The Coast Guard Cutter Charles David Jr. rendezvoused with the Celebrity Reflection and transferred the migrants.

Amver, sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, is a voluntary global ship reporting system used worldwide by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to persons in distress at sea.

The Celebrity Reflection, managed by Celebrity Cruises Inc., enrolled in Amver on October 23, 2012 and earned two 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. 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 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.