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AMVER VESSEL ASSISTS IN RESCUE OF TRANSPACIFIC ROWER

NEW YORK – The Amver participating vessel Overseas Long Beach assisted in the rescue of transpacific rower Roz Savage by providing a much needed lee, communications between Savage and Coast Guard aircraft, and a make shift sea anchor.

Savage was attempting a three stage solo rowing challenge from California to Australia. Her troubles started August 23 after rough weather capsized her boat fouling most of her electronic equipment. A concerned party notified the United States Coast Guard on Savage's behalf which set the rescue operation in motion. The Overseas Long Beach, a United States flagged tanker owned by the Overseas Shipholding Group, was called to assist Savage approximately 90 miles off the coast of Humboldt Bay, California.

Sea conditions were too rough for the Overseas Long Beach to affect a rescue. Instead they provided communications and equipment to help stabilize Savage's ocean rowboat until Coast Guard helicopters could hoist her to safety. Ms. Savage was reluctant to abandon ship at first but was soon convinced it was in her best interest to allow the Coast Guard to hoist her to safety.

The Amver system is a voluntary, worldwide ship reporting system. 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 3,200 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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