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PACCShip participating Amver ship saves 34

NEW YORK – The combined efforts of a PACCShip managed Amver ship and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority led to the rescue of 34 people from a disabled vessel north of Cocos Island on October 11, 2012.

According to a report from the Australian Minister for Home Affairs, the distress vessel was located by a Royal Australian Air Force maritime patrol aircraft supporting RCC Australia.

Rescue authorities diverted the M/V Glorious Sentosa which safely embarked the 34 survivors and transferred them to Australian officials on Christmas Island.

The Panamanian flagged bulk carrier enrolled in the Amver system on May 31, 2010 and earned two Amver awards for participation.

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. Vessels send periodic position reports to the Amver center 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 day there are over 5,000 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.
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