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"K" Line bulker saves 45 fishermen near Sri Lanka

NEW YORK – A "K" Line managed Amver ship rescued 45 fishermen after being diverted by Australian Maritime Safety Authority officials on October 13, 2012 approximately 270 miles south east of Sri Lanka.

The 738 foot Singapore flagged bulk carrier, M/V Pinnacle Bliss, was diverted by RCC Australia and safely embarked the fishermen after an unknown emergency.

The Pinnacle Bliss is taking the fishermen to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates where they will be allowed to return home.

The Pinnacle Bliss enrolled in Amver on July 18, 2011 and has earned one award 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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