

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



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### **AMVER participating cement carrier rescues injured sailor**

**NEW YORK** – The [Amver](#) participating cement carrier Cozumel rescued an injured woman from the Dutch sailing vessel Tycha 180 miles northeast of Caracas, Venezuela on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

U.S. Coast Guard personnel at the Sector San Juan Rescue Coordination Center received notification from another sailing vessel that a crew member of a Dutch sailboat was unconscious and had a broken leg. Rescue personnel used Amver to identify the 383-foot cement carrier Cozumel 40 miles away from the distress location. The captain of the Cozumel radioed the Coast Guard that he was proceeding to assist in the injured sailor.

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.

Less than two hours from the initial notification the [Cyprus flagged](#) ship was embarking the injured sailor and coordinating medical care with local rescue authorities. A rescue helicopter from Curacao met the Amver ship and hoisted the female sailor for transport to a local hospital.

The M/V Cozumel, managed by [Intership Navigation Company](#) of Limassol, Cyprus, [enrolled](#) in Amver on February 21, 2011 and has 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. Vessels send periodic position reports to the Amver center until arriving at their port of call.

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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 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.

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