Amver Maritime Relations

A Partnership For Saving Lives

Research Vessel Operator’s Committee
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The Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System is a computer based voluntary global ship reporting system used by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to persons in distress at sea.
Amver History

Founded in 1958

Global Coverage by 1971

1980 Princendam Fire and Rescue
How does Amver work?

Amver is used solely for search and rescue. Amver data is not used for security purposes.
How does Amver work?

- Ship owners or managers enter specific information about their vessels into the Amver database.
- Prior to sailing, participating ships send a sail plan to the Amver computer center. Vessels then report their location every 48 hours until arriving at their next port of call.
How does Amver work?

- Search and rescue controllers are able to predict the position of each ship at any point during its voyage.
- The position of each participating ship is displayed in an Amver surface picture.
- In an emergency, any rescue coordination center can request this surface picture to determine the position of Amver ships.
What is a surface picture?
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VoyInfo – AMVER Lloyds Report
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Who participates in Amver?

- Any commercial vessel, regardless of nation or flag, over 1,000 gross tons on a voyage of 24 hours or greater is encouraged to enroll and participate in Amver.

- Others ships such as research vessels, private yachts, and fish processing vessels can also enroll.
Who participates in Amver?

- Peter Freeman
- Nathaniel B. Palm
- Rainier
- Alkor
- James Clark Ross
- Professor Albrecht
- Sikuliak?
- Geo Atlantic
- Oscar Elton Seaver
- Semik Sergey Vabvilov
- Mirai
Who participates in Amver?
Is Amver successful?

were 237 lives saved in 2009

95 people in 2010
International Access

Request Amver SURPIC for SAR Operation(s)

Required fields are indicated in red (with *)

Contact Information*

- Name of Point of Contact
- E-mail
- Organization
- Phone Number
- Fax Number

Nature of Distress*

- Fire
- Flood
- Capsized
- Man Overboard
- Other

Date of Distress:

Date: [ ]/[]/2000

[Image of a web page with a form for requesting Amver SURPIC for SAR operations]
MRCC Falmouth request Amver data for stranded rower in August 2009
Case Study

RRS James Cook diverted to rescue the row...
Join The Club

Simply visit [www.amver.com](http://www.amver.com) and click on “enroll.” You can begin sending position reports immediately.
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