



IMO AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AT SEA 2013

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Address by IMO Secretary-General

Mr. Koji Sekimizu

PRESENTATION CEREMONY

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION

(listed in the alphabetical order of the country/NGO nominating)

- **Captain Xinming Ning**, Master of the container vessel **Sheng Da 88**, nominated by China, for rescuing the 2nd officer's seven-month old baby, from the **Sheng Da 88** which was sinking rapidly, having collided with the container vessel **Jiang Xia Xing**;
- **the crew** of the speedboat **Zhongguo Yuzheng 44246**, Dianbai Branch of Guangdong Fishery Administration General Brigade, nominated by China, for rescuing 11 crew members of the fishing boat **Yuedianyu 53018**, which had suffered engine failure, during a typhoon;
- **Mr. Fabian Higgins**, paramedic and rescue diver, Western Cape Emergency Medical Services and **Constable Heino Uhde**, diver, South African Police Services Diving Unit, nominated by South Africa, for rescuing three passengers trapped under the capsized charter sightseeing catamaran **Miroshga**, during darkness and in freezing cold water;
- **Captain Vladimir Safonov** and the crew of the crude oil tanker **DS Crown**, nominated by the United Kingdom, for rescuing 24 crew members of the container vessel **MSC Flaminia** which had exploded and was ablaze;
- **Lieutenant David A. Middleton, Lieutenant David M. Stern and Aviation Maintenance Technician Third Class Andrew J. Witruke**, Air crew of the helicopter CG 6502, Coast Guard Cutter Alex Haley, US Coast Guard Air Station San Francisco, nominated by the United States of America, for rescuing a crew member suffering severe chest pains, from the bulk carrier **Matsuura**, in very demanding weather conditions; and

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- **Mr. Damien Bolton**, helmsman, **Mr. Matthew Main**, crew member, and **Ms Nicola-Jane Bradbury**, crew member, Port Isaac Lifeboat Station, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, United Kingdom, nominated by the International Maritime Rescue Federation, for rescuing, at great personal risk, a father and son who had been swept off cliffs into an arc of semi-submerged rocks in very rough waters. The father, sadly, did not survive the ordeal.

WINNERS OF THE 2013 AWARD

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES

(listed in the alphabetical order of the country nominating)

- **Mr. Jinguo Yang** (posthumously), a crew member on the ferry **Tong Chang Qi Du 11**, nominated by China, for sacrificing his own life whilst trying to rescue a person in distress on the ferry, after it had collided with the cargo ship **Shun Qiang 28**; and
- **Aviation Survival Technician Second Class Randy J. Haba and Aviation Survival Technician Third Class Daniel J. Todd** of the United States Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, North Carolina, nominated by the United States of America, for saving the lives of 14 crew members from the tall ship **HMS Bounty**, during Hurricane Sandy.

RECEPTION

The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Delegates' Lounge.
