

Republic of the Marshall Islands

Office of the Maritime Administrator


Certificate of Commendation

The Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands is honored to commend the Master, Officers, and Crew of the bulk carrier *DESERT RHAPSODY*, managed by Atlantic Bulk Carriers Management Ltd., for demonstrating outstanding seamanship on the Thirteenth day of December, Two Thousand and Fifteen. Captain Radcliff Tesoro and the Crew of *DESERT RHAPSODY* diverted course in response to a request for assistance from a sailboat stranded without fuel, water, and food in the North Atlantic Ocean approximately 715 nautical miles off the coast of Monrovia, Liberia. Upon arriving on scene, two individuals from the distressed sailboat came alongside *DESERT RHAPSODY* in an inflatable raft and received provisions of fuel, water, and food. On behalf of the distressed sailors, Captain Radcliff Tesoro contacted their family members to notify them of the situation and communicated the rendezvous location to the crew of another vessel expecting to meet the sailboat. Thereafter, both the sailboat and *DESERT RHAPSODY* were able to continue their planned voyages. The rapid response and professional actions taken by Captain Radcliff Tesoro and the Crew of *DESERT RHAPSODY* are in keeping with the finest traditions of the sea. Congratulations are in order for exemplary service to the maritime community.

Well done to Captain Radcliff Tesoro, Officers, and Crew!

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Signed by: _____



William R. Gallagher

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