

# **THE ASSOCIATION FOR RESCUE AT SEA**

## **AMVER Award**

**2007**

### **Presented to:**

M/V PATAGONIA

On 11 August 2006 The M/V DAYANA, a 150 meter car carrying vessel, was steaming to Panama and began taking on water sinking approximately 115 nautical miles off the coast of Columbia. The M/V PATAGONIA discovered the survivors in a raft and immediately notified the Panamanian Operations Center who, in turn, notified the United States Coast Guard.

After making notification to the appropriate search and rescue services, the master then transmitted an urgency message via VHF to all vessels in the area. The master of the PATAGONIA immediately initiated search and rescue operations and assumed search and rescue mission coordinator helping direct other Amver vessels to survivors.

The master also communicated closely with the United States Coast Guard cutter GALLATIN which was enroute to the incident to assist. The PATAGONIA was able to rescue 5 survivors including the DAYANA's master, 2 were rescued by the STOLT CREATIVITY, and 1 survivor was rescued by the OSPREY I.

According to the master of the PATAGONIA, after several hours of rescue operations they spotted a sixth survivor in the water and had him hold onto the ship's net until the USCG small boat could embark him.

Excellent ship handling and attention to detail led to the successful conclusion of this search and rescue case.