

THE ASSOCIATION FOR RESCUE AT SEA

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C/S NORDNORGE

On 23 November 2007 the United States Coast Guard Atlantic Area Rescue Coordination Center received a digital selective calling (DSC) HF alert that the Cruise Ship EXPLORER was taking on water in the vicinity of Antarctica. MRCC Ushuaia (Argentina) assumed SAR Mission Coordinator. The EXPLORER reportedly struck an iceberg and was unable to control flooding. All passengers and crew, with the exception of 15 crewmen who remained on board the listing liner, safely abandoned ship into lifeboats.

Despite air temperatures of minus 5 degrees Celsius and water temperatures of 1 degree Celsius all 154 passengers and crew were rescued by the Amver participating cruise ship NORDNORGE.

The NORDNORGE's crew asked that passengers stay away from active lifeboats and requested that no pictures be taken of the rescued people.

The survivors were brought to the ship's seventh floor observatory, a spot passengers were also asked to avoid, where they were counted and examined by the MS NORDNORGE's medical staff.

The Captain of the NORDNORGE asked passengers for donations of clothes, since the passengers had no change of clothes and were wet.