



**COMMANDER  
SEVENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131-3050**

November 26, 2012

Dear Captain V. Fernandes,

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the assistance you provided to the crew of the Fishing Vessel (F/V) Iron Lady.

On 16 November 2012, Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) Miami received notification that the F/V Iron Lady was disabled and adrift with six persons onboard approximately 338 nautical miles northeast of San Salvador Island, Bahamas. The F/V Iron Lady had experienced an engine casualty that left them without propulsion and wandering hopelessly in open ocean. Using the Automated Mutual-assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER), Coast Guard RCC Miami was able to determine that the closest available resource was the Bulk Carrier Maratha Paramount approximately 90 nautical miles away. After being contacted by RCC Miami, the Bulk Carrier Maratha Paramount quickly diverted to the F/V Iron Lady and with unwavering determination, professionalism, and skilled seamanship, took the vessel into a stern tow, and then rendezvoused with and passed the tow to the United States Coast Guard Cutter Diligence.

The humanitarian actions taken by the crew of the Bulk Carrier Maratha Paramount are in keeping with the highest traditions of professional mariners. Please accept my personal thanks to you and your entire crew for a job well done!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W.D. Baumgartner', is written over the typed name.

**WILLIAM D. BAUMGARTNER**  
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