

Star Cruises' Wasa Queen In Rescue Operation.

24 November 2006 - A rescue operation was launched today by a Star Cruises ship, the Hong Kong based Wasa Queen, following the sighting of a person in a small boat signalling for help, by an officer on watch onboard the Wasa Queen.

The rescue which took place just after midday was initiated by the Captain with the ship's Man Overboard or MOB team comprising five persons in a special rescue craft being activated to rescue the person in distress.

The team reached the drifting boat within minutes and returned with the rescued person who was brought onboard and looked after till the ship's arrival in Hong Kong.

The MOB team comprises a group of officers and crew who are specially trained to deal with situations of this nature and it is part of the safety policy that MOB drills are conducted regularly while at sea on all Star Cruises' ships. Various other safety and emergency drills are also regularly conducted onboard as part of the training for Star Cruises' officers and crew in responding to any eventuality that may arise at sea.

Star Cruises' ships have been involved in rescues at sea in the past and this is the second such rescue involving the Wasa Queen in Hong Kong.

The rescue was carried out in accordance with the ship's standard procedures to deal with this type of emergency and reflected the high standards of training and professionalism by Star Cruises' officers and crew.

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