

MAERSK SHIP RESCUES THREE PEOPLE AT SEA

Long Beach, Calif., May 22, 2002, – Captain Bob Lamb and the crew of *Sea-Land Innovator* arrived at the Port of Long Beach on Wednesday, May 22, after saving three people and a kitten from a 48-foot sailboat en route from Honolulu to San Diego on Monday.

The sailboat, *Life's Dream*, issued a mayday call to the U.S. Coast Guard after drifting for three days, 600 miles west of San Francisco. A wave had snapped the rudder off and a line fouled the propeller. The sailboat had departed Honolulu 17 days earlier.

Overhearing the communications between the stricken vessel and a Coast Guard plane, the *Sea-Land Innovator*, which was 80 miles away from the vessel at the time, volunteered to perform the rescue.

Time of rescue was 2:42 p.m. May 20. Seas were rough with 12-foot swells and wind from the northwest at 25 to 31 mph.

The rescued parties were identified as Harvey Owens, Krista Steel, and Steel's 10-year-old daughter, Taysia Riley.

The *Sea-Land Innovator* is a U.S. flag containership operated by U.S. Ship Management Inc. of North Carolina, serving the northern Asia to U.S. West coast trade lane on Maersk Sealand's TP-2 string. The vessel was enroute from Busan, South Korea, to Long Beach at the time of the rescue. The ship arrived on schedule at the Port of Long Beach on May 22 at 8 a.m.

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Digital photo of Captain Bob Lamb and the survivors in the Port of Long Beach available by emailing NAMMKTADV@maersk.com or calling the Maersk Sealand Marketing/Communications dept. at 973-514-5585.