Harold C. Phinney

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Captain Stanley J. Walz Commanding Officer United States Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, North Carolina 27909

Dear Captain Walz:

I cannot adequately put into words my thanks to you and you men for saving my life and the lives of my shipmates on December 9, 1996.

You now have a large cheering section from us and our families. We hope and pray that you will always receive adequate funding and material support to continue your heroic rescues of mariners in distress.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Phinney

P.S.: Please ask the crew chief it he found a double tether (6'/3') with snap hooks and a strap shackle. Enclosed is postage. If not found, put the money into your morale and welfare fund. Again, thank you.

PPS: I was unable to set a good plot of the final location. Working from the 1600 news release # 127-96. I came up with 35° 25' N 75° 25' N This location is charled at 12 fotoms as our marts would have been 20' above the water. She was straight up on an even keel as she went under. Do you have a good fix?

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