Piraeus, 10/10/2017

The Board of Governors of the International Propeller Club of the United States (International Port of Piraeus), in co-operation with the U.S. Embassy in Athens and the U.S. Coast Guard, invite you to the forthcoming **2017 AMVER Award Ceremony** that will take place on **Thursday, November 2nd, 2017**, at 19:00 hrs, at the Athenaeum Intercontinental Hotel.

The International Propeller Club of the United States was founded in New York in 1922, has now 8.000 members in 52 cities and 4 Student Clubs globally. The Propeller Club (Port of Piraeus), founded in 1935, is a non-profit charity association, collectively controlled in Greece by sixteen (16) volunteer Governors, who are elected every two years. The Club's net income is fully distributed in charities under fairness and transparency. Our Club co-operates with the Union of Greek Shipowners, the International Chamber of Shipping, the Hellenic Shortsea Shipowners Association, the Hellenic American Chamber and other prestigious institutions, in order to inter-alia promote Maritime Relations, Commerce, Goodwill and Cultural relations between citizens of Greece, the U.S. and all other countries represented by their members who share the same vision and principles.

This year **more than 220** ship managing companies and **1.800** ships (under Greek management), were enrolled in the AMVER system, and will honorably receive AMVER Awards! The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard (as judging Authority of the Awards), is invited to personally congratulate the AMVER members, together with the Minister of Mercantile Marine & Island Policy of Greece, the United States Ambassador to Greece and many other honorable foreign Ambassadors and other prominent individual, as shall be invited.

AMVER event's proceeds will, as always, directly sponsor our fundraising needs, according to our charity mission and will further support studies of exceptional Greek students duly selected from seafarers' families, the Fulbright Foundation etc; same will also support environmental clean-up campaigns; award Bravery, Innovation, Sustainability and Excellence in the Greek community etc. and will materially contribute to the noble enshrined principles of the Club.

The Ceremony will commence with a cocktail reception at 19:00 hrs, to be followed by the presentation of AMVER Awards and the Rescue Awards to ship management companies that participated in difficult operations of saving lives at sea. Dinner will be served immediately thereafter. This annual maritime event continues to grow in size and prestige each given year and offers a unique opportunity to the members of the shipping community to meet, network and enjoy a pleasant and memorable evening, whether at the VIP drinks or at the seated dinner, complemented by videos, art, music, dance and other happenings, which are aiming to the bonding of the Maritime and Business Community.

We warmly encourage you to invite members of your staff, business associates, friends and family hosting them by reserving a table, and thus, expressing your gratitude towards them. Furthermore we would be delighted to have you and your staff becoming member of this Club and actively participate to its mission joining forces towards its perpetual commitment to saving life at sea, in conjunction to philanthropy, nobleness, integrity and gratitude extended to the local, as well as to the international Maritime and Business Community from every angle and to every member of same.

Contribution is as follows: Propeller Club Member: € 150 – Non-Member: € 200

Tables of ten or twelve can be reserved. Please, contact Propeller Club in order to purchase your tickets (tel. 210–42.90.976 / 210–42.90. 237, propclub@otenet.gr) before noon on October 24th, 2017.

We look forward to seeing you.

Best Regards,

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