

Press Release

Pacific Basin vessel Columbia River boarded by unauthorised personnel at anchorage off Lagos

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Our vessel Columbia River was boarded by unauthorised personnel at anchorage off Lagos on the night of Thursday 3 November. By morning, Nigerian naval authorities boarded the vessel and disembarked the 16 persons. We commend Captain Salas and the ship's officers and crew for their management of the situation. We are very grateful to the Nigerian navy and local authorities for their assistance. Our crew and vessel are safe.

A fuller statement was published via the Lloyd's List Intelligence Casualty Reporting Service as follows:

“London, Nov 6 -- Following received from the managers of the bulk carrier Columbia River, dated today: The Supramax bulk carrier was anchored off Lagos outer harbour, from evening, Nov 3. At night vessel was boarded by unauthorised personnel at anchorage, during heavy rain storm with strong winds and poor visibility. Ship's crew patrolling the deck in the early hours, at 0225 hrs, found a number of unauthorised personnel on deck. The master ordered the crew to the citadel, except for the OOW and himself. Local authorities and MRCC were contacted along with the flag state MRCC. By 0520 hrs, communications was established with the Nigerian Navy via VHF and they arrived on scene by 0945 hrs. By 1048 hrs, the naval authorities boarded the vessel from their gun boat and rounded up the unauthorised personnel, with the last of them 16 in all being escorted off the ship by 1215 hrs. Following a search by crew, the vessel proceeded off shore. The managers and owners of the vessel Columbia River would like to thank the Nigerian navy and the local authorities for their assistance in resolving this matter without endangering any of the crew.”

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