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**RE: PORT STATE CONTROL STATISTICS FOR VANUATU 2003 – 2005**

For the fourth year in a row Vanuatu's low detention rate in the United States made Vanuatu vessels eligible for the U. S. Coast Guard's **QUALSHIP 21** program. The **QUALSHIP 21** eligibility continues in 2006 with only 1 detention, and a three year rolling average detention rate of 0.61%, more than three times better than the all ships/all flags rate of 2.00 %.

The Paris MOU just published its 2005 annual report. We are disappointed to note that Vanuatu remains on the "grey list" of countries with just 1 detention in 2005 (but 3 from 2003 and 2004 combined). These detentions resulted in a one year detention rate of 2.17% versus the all ships/all flags rate of 4.67%, and a three year rolling average rate for Vanuatu of 3.05% versus the all ships/all flags rate of 5.83%.

The Tokyo MOU on Asia/Pacific Port State Control statistics were more than satisfactory, placing Vanuatu on the A/P "white list" of countries, with only 2 detentions recorded in 2005. The Vanuatu one year detention rate of 2.50% was less than half the all ships/all flags detention rate of 5.21%. The three year rolling average detention rate for Vanuatu was 3.62% versus the all ships/all flags rate of 6.71%.

Annex 2 shows the statistics by region and includes not only the US, Paris MOU, and Tokyo A/P MOU areas, but also the Indian Ocean, Viña del Mar, Black Sea, Abuja, and Mediterranean MOU statistics.

We want to salute the owners of all Vanuatu vessels everywhere that contributed to this record for their commitment to safety, security, and the environment, and for maintaining their vessels in accordance with international conventions and national legislation.

On the other hand, it is important that those vessels that caused any negative mark against the registry also be highlighted. Annex 1 lists the vessels that were detained in 2005 and in 2006 to date.

If you have any questions or comments contact VMSL New York. Remember, that it is the owners' responsibility to notify Vanuatu if vessels have been detained and to protest unfair or unwarranted detentions directly with the PSC regime which detained the vessel.

Best Regards,

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## ANNEX 1

### Year 2005

<u>Name of Vessel</u>	<u>Location of Detention</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<i><u>USA</u></i>		
Discovery	Galveston, Texas	Fined
<i><u>Paris MOU Area</u></i>		
GB Med	Genoa, Italy	Fined / Deleted
<i><u>Tokyo AP MOU Area</u></i>		
Lift 1	Vladivostok, Russia	(February) Fined
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### Year 2006

*USA*

Canyon Horizon      Port Arthur, Texas      Fined

*Med MOU Area*

Grace      Mersin, Turkey      Fined