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Captain John Hansen
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Dear Captain Hansen:

Thank you for the outstanding commitment of the Northwest Cruise Ship Association (NWCSA) and your member companies to passenger vessel safety during the 2005 Alaskan operating season. Your support, promotion and continuous pursuit of safety excellence are commended.

For the past dozen years, the 17th CG District and NWCSA member companies have annually coordinated to increase operational safety for all passenger vessels and to promote “our” common goal for incident free operating seasons – seasons with no vessel casualties, no passenger or crew injuries, and no environmental damage.

Due to the commitment, knowledge, and professionalism of both NWCSA and your member companies, the 2005 Alaska cruise ship season was a safety success. Please pass along my thanks to everyone for a job well done. Safety is a team effort, and your team should be proud of their accomplishment.

I continue to view long range vessel tracking as a valuable safety and response tool, and request your continued support and participation in the secure vessel tracking system operated by the Marine Exchange of Alaska. If you have any suggestion to improve safety operations in Alaska, please contact Rick Janelle, USCGD17 Passenger Vessel Program Coordinator, at 907-463-2808 or Rick.N.Janelle@uscg.mil.

I look forward to working with NCSA and the entire passenger vessel industry to ensure safe and successful passenger vessel operations. Jointly, we can make continuous improvements in safety. For 2006, think “safety repeat”.

Again, thank you for your dedication to safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Olson".

JAMES C. OLSON

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