

Dear Students and teachers of 1<sup>st</sup> Primary School of Vari,

Welcome to the new batch of the "Adopt a Ship" Program! We, the master, officers and crew of M/V Abyssinian are very thrilled to continue with the program, because last school year was really a wonderful experience and we were able to meet the students and teachers. As another journey begins, we are happy to answer your questions.



M/V Abyssinian is an 8-year old bulk carrier registered under Marshall Islands as the flag administrator. She was built in Nanjing, China in the year 2014. The vessel's first ever voyage was from Yangzhou, China to Yeosu, South Korea. Since then, can you believe that the ship has already visited 222 ports around the world transporting cargoes, maintaining safe navigation and smooth operations. For this present voyage, we loaded fertilizers from Tocopilla, Chile; transited via Panama Canal and have already been to 3 discharging US ports namely: New Orleans, Louisiana; Jacksonville, Florida and Baltimore, Maryland. Currently, we are now in the last discharging port which is the Wilmington, Delaware in position Latitude: 39° 43.2' N Longitude: 075° 31.5' W. The vessel is still waiting for the information to our next destination. For the meantime, you may monitor the location of our ship through the internet using

the website [www.vesselfinder.com](http://www.vesselfinder.com) and search the name of our vessel. The weather here in Wilmington right now is mostly cloudy and temperature is decreasing as the winter season is approaching.

There are currently 23 crew onboard and all are of Filipino nationality. Every ship has a crew list document which provides the identification of each crew member. You may find the attached document for vessel as a sample.

And as part of the Asian region, rice is always part of our daily meal. We incorporate it with soup, stew, fried and sautéed dishes. The most authentic Filipino food that we are proud and popular of is called adobo. Please see the pictures of some Filipino cuisines.



On Saturdays, as a tradition onboard, crew are gathering during dinner time to eat together as a sort of thanksgiving for a week of good voyage and safe operations then usually followed by sing-along in karaoke which crew really enjoy. The ship has a designated entertainment rooms where crew can watch movies or play games during free time and also a gym for fitness.

We hope, this information will give you ideas of our routines here onboard. We are looking forward for the upcoming exchange of communications,

Thank you and Best Regards,

Master, Officers and Crew of M/V Abyssinian