

Re: "USCG pops Italian bulkers"
(Tradewindsnews.com, 6 December 2011)

D'Amico Società di Navigazione is the technical manager of the vessel *Maddalena d'Amato*.

From the port-state-control (PSC) report left on board after the inspection it does not absolutely result that d'Amico Società di Navigazione has ever given instructions to the ship's staff not to issue non-conformity reports or that the captain of the vessel has ever made a similar declaration.

Such a procedure would be in any case against best practices always rigorously applied and followed by d'Amico.

Last but not least, d'Amico di Navigazione neither was involved in negotiations nor bought the vessel, which has been sold to another shipowner that will take the vessel over in February 2012.

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