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Captain Ron Short
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Dear Captain Short:

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your outstanding actions on 25 August 2005 when you and the crew of the *POINT SUR* located and recovered two men from the frigid waters near the mouth of the Columbia River. The men were aboard a recreation boat that capsized, and they had been in the water for well over an hour. Your alertness and professionalism was directly responsible for their rapid recovery and subsequent medical care. Despite the tragic loss of one of the men, you can be justifiably proud for saving a life.

The sea can be a terribly harsh and unforgiving environment. It's Good Samaritans like you that make it a safer place. The rapid response of mariners such as you is particularly critical in cases where no distress call is made. I am personally grateful for the professionalism, dedication and resourcefulness you displayed. Again, thank you for your outstanding assistance to mariners in distress and best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. P. Farrell", written in a cursive style.

M. P. Farrell
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Group Commander

To: Captain Ronald Short, M/V SEA LION