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Wah Kwong statement: Missing Crewman - *Lara Venture*

Wah Kwong wishes to offer its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Able Seaman **Mr. Cao Yang Rui** who sadly fell overboard from our vessel ***Lara Venture*** at Newport Anchorage, Norfolk, Virginia USA on March 13, 2018.

A massive search and rescue operation was launched after Seaman Mr. Cao fell overboard while working to secure the ship's combination ladder. We regret to inform that Mr. Cao is still missing and are praying for his safety.

Mr. Cao's family has been informed and the thoughts of everyone within our company are with them at this difficult time.

Sabrina Chao, executive chairman of Wah Kwong Maritime Transport Holdings Ltd, said today: "We wish to offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Cao's family for this tragic event. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this very difficult time.

"Wah Kwong will investigate this accident vigorously and urgently and we will work to ensure this never happens on board any of our vessels again. I would also like to thank the U.S. Coastguard and the maritime community in Virginia who responded in an exemplary manner in coming to my colleague's aid".

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