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## USS Bainbridge Answers A Distress Call

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GULF OF OMAN (NNS) -- The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer **USS Bainbridge (DDG 96)** responded to a distress call from the M/V Kokuka Courageous in the Gulf of Oman the morning of June 13. The Bainbridge received a call from the Kokuka Courageous crew advising that their ship was in distress approximately 30 nautical miles from Bainbridge's location.

All 21 crew members of the Kokuka Courageous had evacuated to a tug boat and were transferred to the Bainbridge. One of the Kokuka Courageous sailors suffered burns on his hands and was treated immediately by the Bainbridge medical team.



Once safely aboard Bainbridge, the Kokuka Courageous crew received medical check-ups, showers and clean clothes along with food and any other attention they required.

Bainbridge is underway as part of Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group's (ABECSG) deployment in support of maritime security cooperation efforts in U.S. 5th, 6th and 7th Fleet areas of operations.

For more news from USS Abraham Lincoln Strike Group (CVN 72) visit <http://www.navy.mil/local/cvn72/>



**Webmaster's Note:** USS *Bainbridge* (DDG-96) is an *Arleigh Burke*-class guided missile destroyer in the United States Navy. She is the fifth ship to carry that name, and the 46th destroyer of a planned 75-ship class. *Bainbridge* is named in honor of Commodore William Bainbridge, who as commander of the frigate USS *Constitution* distinguished himself in the War of 1812 when he and his crew captured HMS *Java*, a 38-gun fifth-rate frigate of the Royal Navy.



**William Bainbridge** (May 7, 1774 – July 27, 1833) was a Commodore in the United States Navy. During his long career in the young American Navy he served under six presidents beginning with John Adams and is notable for his many victories at sea.

