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***Pacific Adventurer* Released**

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority released *Pacific Adventurer* from detention this morning having been satisfied that the ship is now in a seaworthy condition following extensive repairs. This decision was made in consultation with Maritime Safety Queensland.

The ship's classification society, a specialist international body responsible for certifying the ship's structural integrity, oversaw the repairs and testing to confirm the ship is structurally and mechanically sound. This includes confirmation of repairs made to fuel tanks damaged when 31 containers fell overboard on 11 March 2009.

AMSA's Marine Surveyors have also inspected the ship on several occasions, most recently to verify that the ship has addressed all safety deficiencies identified on 12 March 2009, which led to it initially being detained under the *Navigation Act 1912*.

The classification society has issued short term certification requiring the ship to be repaired at an overseas ship yard to its satisfaction to maintain its classification status. The ship's flag State, Hong Kong, has endorsed the classification society's findings.

The ship intends to travel north from Brisbane outside the Great Barrier Reef through the Coral Sea upon departure.

Another master was appointed to the ship on 7 April, who will be in command for the voyage overseas. Investigations into the safety aspects of the incident and potential breaches of pollution and navigation laws are continuing.

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