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action while loading at Cape Palmas, Liberia. M/V KOTA INDAH Fired on by unidentified vessel. M/V MARIKA Sank 935 miles East of Newfoundland in fierce storm. Two life rafts found. No survivors.

Alphabetically by vessel name, this is only half the report for one week. I can almost hear the crew singing, "Nobody knows the trouble I've seen."

More next week on The Admiralty Docket. Until then, remember your rights and responsibilities may change as you approach the shore and may God Almighty grant you pleasant sailing.

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