

### **PORT MARINE OFFICERS RENDER ASSISTANCE TO EVACUATE SICK SHIP CREW**

**MV ATLAS LEADER** a 200 meters long car carrier was close to Port of Goa en-route from Gulf to Singapore. On her way, one of the crew members of Philippine nationality had a heart attack. The Master of the Ship sent a Medical evacuation request to Coast Guard. However, due to choppy seas and bad weather, the Coast Guard showed their inability to send their boat. Thereafter the Shipping Agent of the vessel contacted the Harbour Master Capt. Manoj Joshi for help and it was decided to bring the ship within sheltered waters of MPT. Subsequently, on the midnight of 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 the vessel was brought in safely by the Port Pilot, Capt. Rajat Kishore and Capt. Saji Ummer however, it was difficult task to maintain the vessel position for this critical “disembarking operation en-route” in the confined water, dark hours and effect of bad weather on ship, due to large windage area of the car carrier, the operation was completed successfully. The sick person was off loaded and at around 02.30 hrs the vessel sailed out to resume her voyage to Singapore.