

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS INC.

CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 00-11565 (NG)  
(Conslid. 82-3742)

Plaintiff,

v.

THE WRECKED AND ABANDONED STEAM VESSEL  
R.M.S. REPUBLIC, her tackle, apparel and cargo, etc.  
located within 2,000 yards of a point: Beginning at coordinates  
40 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds N. Latitude and 69 degrees  
46 minutes 00 seconds W. Longitude; more precisely Loran "C"  
coordinates 25138.1, 43453.2 through .6 and 14073.1, .2, *in rem*,

Defendant.

**Order Granting Plaintiff MVSHQ, Inc.'s Motion To Extend Exclusive Salvage  
Rights As Salvor-In- Possession Of Defendant Vessel and Injunctive Relief To  
Prohibit Interference By All Others**

UPON DUE CONSIDERATION of Plaintiff, MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA  
HEADQUARTERS, INC.'s motion filed April 26, 2011 by its attorneys, before this Court and  
all papers in connection therewith and in opposition thereto, if any, and for good cause shown:

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that

(1) Plaintiff MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS, INC. is  
hereby affirmed by this Court as the rightful salvor-in-possession of Defendant Vessel  
R.M.S. REPUBLIC, her tackle, apparel, appurtenances, and cargo that lie within the area  
set forth in the pleaded coordinates described in the Verified Complaint previously filed  
herein ;

(2) Plaintiff MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS, INC.

previously granted exclusive salvage rights as salvor-in-possession of Defendant Vessel R.M.S. REPUBLIC, her tackle, apparel, appurtenances, and cargo (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Defendant Vessel") that lie within the area set forth in the pleaded coordinates described in the Verified Complaint previously filed herein, is hereby extended through to and including December 31, 2014;

(3) Plaintiff MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS, INC. prior award of priority salvage status and the sole and exclusive possession of the Defendant Vessel, within the area set forth in the pleaded coordinates described in the Verified Complaint previously filed herein, is continued through to and including December 31, 2014; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that

(4) the preliminary injunction previously issued that temporarily enjoins and restrains any and all interference by all others with MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS, INC.'s exclusive rights to recover the Defendant Vessel, within the area set forth in the pleaded coordinates described in the Verified Complaint previously filed herein, is hereby extended through to and including December 31, 2014;

(5) said preliminary injunction also continues to temporarily enjoin and restrain any interference of all others regarding the recovery, preservation and custody of any and all artifacts by Plaintiff MVSHQ after being adjudged herein as having the sole and exclusive rights to conduct salvage of the Defendant Vessel, through to and including December 31, 2014; and

(6) alternatively, should any claimant subsequently be adjudged the owner of the Defendant Vessel, or any part of her tackle, apparel, appurtenances and cargo thereof,

that Plaintiff MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS, INC. shall beconferred a liberal salvage award in artifacts or in specie, with the amount and/or composition of such award as may be determined by this Court pursuant to the law of salvage.

Dated: *April 7*, 2011

  
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HON. NANCY GERTNER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE