

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS INC.

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.

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

Order Granting Plaintiff MVSHQ, Inc. 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 June 22, 2005, by its attorneys, before this Court and all papers in connection therewith and in opposition thereto, if any, and this Court having convened a hearing upon same, and for good cause shown:

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that

(1) Plaintiff MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS, INC. is hereby declared 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. is 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, through to and including December 31, 2008;

(3) Plaintiff MARTHA'S VINEYARD SCUBA HEADQUARTERS, INC. is awarded priority salvage status and 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, through to and including December 31, 2008; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that

(4) a preliminary injunction is hereby 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, through to and including December 31, 2008;

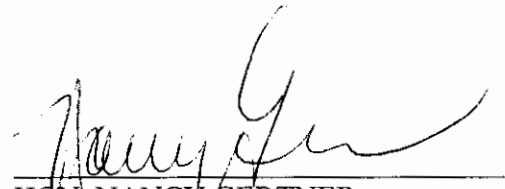
(5) said preliminary injunction also temporarily enjoins and restrains any interference of all others regarding the recovery, preservation and custody of any and all artifacts by Plaintiff MVSHQ after being adjudged herein as having the sole and exclusive rights to conduct salvage of the Defendant Vessel, through to and including December 31, 2008;

(6) alternatively, should any claimant 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. be awarded 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; and

(7) that it the declared intention of this Court to be the preferred forum in which all matters arising or related to 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, are to be brought during the pendency of this action.

Dated: July 8, 2005



HON. NANCY GERTNER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE