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Ship Seized in Florida, 11 Crew Stuck Aboard Since April

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11 crew members of the cargo ship [MV Delphinus](#) have been stuck aboard the vessel, moored off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, Florida for 111 days and counting.

MV Delphinus has been at anchor since mid-April, when U.S. Marshals seized the vessel [due to a debt dispute between Afco Shipping Line LLC and the ship's owner](#).

The crew members [U.S. work visas are long expired](#), plus [although not under arrest, since they're under contract with the ship, the men are unable to leave](#) the 478-foot vessel.

[Seafarers' House](#), a nonprofit organization is trying to care for the seamen, and put an end to their limbo. Last week, for the [first time in almost 4 months, small groups of 3 were allowed to come ashore for a few hours, thanks to Seafarers' House](#).

What happens next? There is a court-ordered auction scheduled for Aug. 11, at which point next steps will be determined. Until then, the 11 crew members remain aboard the ship. Read more from the [Miami Herald](#) here...

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