



The second most important Search and Rescue case occurred while the JARVIS was engaged in Shakedown Training. The JARVIS received a call on the 18th of June, 1972 that a Japanese fishing vessel, the KAIGATA MARU, had caught fire and were an estimated 21 persons aboard, about 500 miles Southwest of Honolulu. The JARVIS raced at top speed with a helo attached to the scene where the search began immediately. An Air Force C-130 which had been searching for several days found a raft and one survivor. The JARVIS meantime had located the KAIGATA MARU but no survivors.

The JARVIS launched its helicopter and picked up the lone survivor Kiyoshi Onodera, the vessel's first mate who had been adrift for 10 days or more. He was taken aboard the JARVIS and the search for his shipmates continued to no avail.

Because the KAIGATA MARU had been badly gutted with fire, the ship was no longer considered an asset to it's company in Japan and permission was given to sink it in place.

The KAIGATA MARU sunk after several shots were fired at her from the JARVIS's 5 inch battery. The JARVIS then returned to Honolulu with the survivor where he was met with open arms.