



Mission to Seafarers Sydney

THE MASTER'S MARINER

**INVITATION
EVERYONE
WELCOME**

Sea Sunday

14 July

**At St Andrews
Cathedral Sydney CBD
at 10:30am**

A special service with messages and prayers for seafarers. All welcome, especially supporters and members of the port community and seafarers! Questions? Contact us.

**To Join the Service on
LiveStream visit:**

- <https://youtube.com/live/KqD9sOLNPYm?feature=share>



THANK YOU FOR NEW SEAFARERS WELFARE FUND!

The Port Authority of New South Wales, NSW Ports and The Port of Newcastle have joining together to provide funding security to seafarer welfare charities in NSW. We are honoured to have been chosen as first round beneficiaries in this Australian first and groundbreaking initiative!

The new **Seafarers Welfare Fund** aims to boost the wellbeing of seafarers visiting all the state's ports by funding over five years a range of critical services and programs which are provided by locally-based welfare providers with a proven track record. MtS, which has been serving seafarers visiting NSW for over 150 years, has thanked the welfare initiative members for selecting our Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla and Eden Missions as round 1 beneficiaries. MtS Sydney received significant funding for one year that will be used for an additional Chaplain so we can serve more seafarers with services such as more ship and hospital visits, more seafarers' buses transfers, running our support and recreation Centre and visiting seafarers in need on more ships. The good news was announced at our recent Annual Luncheon at NSW Parliament House - turn over for details! + *more in our web 'Latest News'*

"We are extremely grateful for the welfare fund members for recognising the need and combining together to build this commitment. This funding will help to ensure all our Mission centres can reach more seafarers than ever before with our practical, caring services," said Clayton Strong, MtS Syd CEO.

**Please consider supporting our *Winter Appeal* for your *EOFY Giving*!
100% tax deductible for \$2+ - 100% reliable - 100% focused on seafarers!**

Win a Prize Money Can't Buy! Winter Appeal Raffle



**Prize – a trip for 4 on Sydney Harbour on
a marine 'fire engine'!**

Thank you Port Authority of NSW
for donating this terrific prize!

Raffle drawn Monday July 15, 2024.

\$5 each or buy a value+ bundle

Tickets / details at:

<https://bit.ly/24WRaffle>

OR phone us to buy via credit card, our drop into our office



Rev Tay Message - Happy Day of the Seafarer!

Amazing dedication 🌈 was pouring buckets but the dedicated pastors were out there healing and comforting the Seafarer's, many do suffer from loneliness when they leave a young family back home
I can endorse the same being a Seafarer for 28 years
10:07 am

On this International Day (June 25) of celebration, we said a big "THANK YOU" to seafarers from all over the world and prayed for their safety and health out at sea.

At MtS Sydney, we presented gift packets to seafarers visiting our Centre. They were overwhelmed with our appreciation shown to them and remembering their contributions to our daily lives.

We continue to touch many hearts and transform many lives through our chaplains and staff, by visiting them on board the vessels, providing compassionate care.

Thanks to Chaplain Retchie for taking Services for seafarers on board the vessels. Many crew long to attend a Service but could not due to constraints of time. Pray for our chaplains as we seek to support them in all their variety of needs.

Thank you for your consistent support, prayers, donations and standing by us.

WhatsApp note to Rev Tay from a visiting container ship Captain



Above - Rev Tay recently took these Indonesian fishing seafarers grocery shopping at night as they had such a brief stay and no English.



CONNECTION AND EDUCATION AT 2024 LUNCHEON

Our Annual Luncheon at NSW Parliament House brought together 175 supporters and members of the port community who learned more about our vital work and the sacrifices of seafarers. Guests included the Hon Jo Haylen, NSW Transport Minister, the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, Federal Member for Kingsford Smith, representatives of Cruise Line International, DP World, Shipping Australia and Dan-Bunkering as well as Stella Maris, Tas Bull Seafarers Foundation and HunterLink. *The highlight was the surprise announcement of the Seafarers Welfare Fund.* Learn more at our website.

Thank you - Luncheon Sponsors - Gulf Agency Company (GAC) + CSL, Svitzer, AMSA, DCN

"You'd be hard pressed to find a friendlier and more dedicated bunch of people than seafarers...they have always been so appreciative ... that's why events like today are so important to shine light on not just the life of the seafarer but also the incredible work organisations like MtS do."

- NSW Ports Jonathan Lafforgue, pictured at our luncheon (centre) with Akuna seafarers hosted by CSL



News, Food, Thanks at AGM

Those who came to our AGM/Thank you lunch at our Centre in May were among the first to hear our latest good news: our new schedule of pickups and extra services has allowed an increasing number of seafarers to enjoy time in our wonderful city and our Centre in 2023/24. **Thank you to all our supporters who helped to make that possible!**



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WORK - USE THE ENCLOSED GIVING CARD OR PHONE US!



Thank you for helping us to serve more of the 400,000+ seafarers who visit Sydney each year

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