



# Mission to Seafarers Sydney

## THE MASTER'S MARINER

### YOUR INVITATION!

#### SAVE THE DATE

**Thanksgiving and Christmas Celebration 2024**

Join us on **Saturday November 30** for our annual get together to give thanks for all our blessings!

Meet other supporters, donors, Board representatives and our team as we celebrate a year of working together to help seafarers.



**"I'm supporting my father, already 91 years old, my family and also my sister and brother..."**

**Meet this inspiring Dad in our new video on our YouTube:**  
<https://bit.ly/MtSSydHelpsSeafarers>



### A FATHERS' DAY THANK YOU TO DADS OF THE SEA!

Despite facing long hours and dangerous seas, visiting seafarers tell us the hardest thing about their jobs is being far away from their families, especially for holidays and special occasions. Crews usually spend about nine months away working long hours with little respite or contact with home.

So this Father's Day, we take the chance to say 'thank you' to everyone who has helped us to continue to provide a haven for mentally and physically exhausted seafarers - the majority of whom are dads doing it for their families - often for their parents as well as their children. And for those seafarers who can't make it to our Centres, your support makes it possible for our chaplains to take a warm welcome and listening ear onboard, into hospitals and hotels.

**All funds raised by our Appeal will go towards our work helping all seafarers in need who visit Sydney - and good quality work socks for visiting seafarers for 2 weeks - for themselves or as a gift for their dads.**



*This Fathers Day we want to say give a big "THANK YOU" to seafarers from all over the world in a very practical way! Some of the funds from our Fathers Day Appeal will be used so that we can give every seafarer Dad who visits us in the week before and after Fathers' Day a traditional Aussie dad gift - a pair of good quality, work socks! Thank you to Worklocker Leeton for the generous discount and our volunteer Kath for the gift wrapping .*

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FATHERS' DAY APPEAL - USE THE GIVING CARD ON BACK PAGE; PHONE US OR CLICK 'DONATE' ON OUR WEBSITE**

**All Fathers' Day Appeal Donors are automatically given a 'thank you' entry into the draw for Free MuSEAum Passes!**

**Every donation** made to MTS Sydney during September will be automatically entered into our draw to give five people **four Free 'See It All' Passes each** to the **Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney!** Experience their impressive fleet of vessels, 3D cinema and exciting exhibitions (see Wildlife Photographer of the Year until Nov 10!) with your family or friends (expires June 30, 2025). Climb aboard and say hello to the newest member of their fleet - the Duyfken; a stunning full-scale reproduction of the first European ship to reach Australia in 1606. (Pictured) The tickets are valid any day the Museum is open. The winners will be drawn randomly on October 1 and notified via email. They are not transferable for cash. Plan your Mu-SEA-um visit at: <https://www.sea.museum/>  
 Thank You Australian National Maritime Museum!







## Father's Day Message - Rev Tay, Principal Chaplain

On this Father's Day, let's focus on the "Role of the Father." A Father is one of the best gifts God has given to humankind. We thank God for kind, gentle, caring, loving, sacrificing and protecting fathers - even those who can't always be with us.

The first role is a Provider. Many seafarers are working very hard to provide for their families back home. The second is as a Protector. As fathers, we work to protect our children from predators and bullies - including those using entertainment to spread unhealthy messages and images. We can work to try to keep kids away from the "bad guy" including not inviting him into our homes. It's much harder for those dads out at sea and away from family for months. Many are very concerned for their children's safety back home because they are not home physically to protect them when they are in danger. Let us pray for protection for seafarers' families.

Thirdly, the role of a 'Priest'. As 'Priest', we are called to lead in worship and to intercede for our children before God. As Fathers, we can present our children and our loved ones before God by praying for them. Seafarers, although away from family, can still play this role effectively and often ask our Chaplains to pray with them to intercede for their families.

So this Father's Day, let us look to God our Heavenly Father. He always provides, He always protects, He always loves.



“ I learned about a bulk carrier carrying crystal salts which had been stuck at Glebe Island for almost a month. The crane on board was broken. They were not able to discharge. I was able to get permission to bring some crew ashore for a rest. - Rev Tay ”

“ A cook asked me to pray with him for his family. They have been affected by the war in Myanmar and he had no recent news. It is a bad situation there, still with many uncertainties. - Chaplain Jim ”

## Thank you St Andrews Cathedral for Sea Sunday 2024

About 250 Sydney-siders joined seafarers for this international day of thanks and prayer.



*"Sea Sunday is a time we eagerly look forward to, as we can participate in the celebration of the way the Mission to Seafarers acts as the "hands and feet" of our Lord... We also rejoiced in the infectious enthusiasm you displayed as you [Rev Tay] took the podium. Many blessings to you and your colleagues." - email from St Andrew's parishioner*

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You guys did me a favour for which there are no words to describe how thankful I am for you. When nobody cared about my career and my life. You guys were there to help me and I'll always be grateful for it. 🙏

WhatsApp note after Rev Tay helped an Indian cadet who was about to be discharged only 12 days before finishing his sea time requirement.

That meant he would not be able to be certified - putting him 6 months behind. He was the main breadwinner for his extended family. Rev Tay helped him contact AMSA who resolved the issue almost immediately



Image: Wayne Ashton (centre) checking gift bags with Rev Tay and Chaplain Jack.

*“Seafarers only have a short time when they are able to get off their ships so I just wanted to make their lives a little easier. Making sure they could get any support they needed wasn’t part of my regular work at the port, but it was something I had the opportunity to do, so I did it.”*

- Wayne Ashton when asked ‘why’.

*“Wayne is dedicated to improving the lives of ordinary seafarers. He doesn’t only come up with innovative ideas, but he’s hands on - gets actively involved in making them happen and does so in his quiet and unassuming way. Nothing he does is for personal credit – it’s always about helping others.”* - Philip Holliday, CEO Port Authority of NSW.

“I received an urgent call via Messenger. The Filipino seafarers said their ship had an engine problem, it was leaking and the lifeboat isn’t working. They met me in Sydney last year but they were now in the USA.



I immediately tapped into our office in Seattle and got a quick response. MTS-Seattle coordinated with the US Coast Guard and their local ITF. The vessel was detained with 12 deficiencies, 5 of which were major. It was detained for several weeks until all deficiencies were rectified. Also, the crew who requested repatriation were granted and signed off when their vessel arrived in Japan. Later received this: ‘The crew is so happy in expressing their thanks to our service in MTS - Sydney.’”

- Chaplain Retchie

### Supporter Spotlight: Tribute to Retiring Seafarers’ Champion

When Wayne Ashton retired from his role as the Operations Manager at NSW Ports in Port Botany in June, one of his last actions was to arrange the delivery of Krispy Crème donuts to visiting seafarers to celebrate the International Day of the Seafarer. His assistance for seafarers was not part of his regular duties, but over the past 8 years, he has used his initiative, skills and excellent relationships across various sectors at the Port to advocate for seafarers and make their lives better in many different ways.

The Mission to Seafarers Sydney has nominated Wayne for the MTS International Secretary General Award 2024 .

Wayne created Australia's first ever port-based COVID-19 free vaccination program for seafarers - probably the first globally. He put his plan into place resulting in certified vaccinations for over 3500 seafarers in Sydney alone. His model was used in other ports in Australia helping even more seafarers. He not only had the idea for the program, but in his typical hands-on way, he made it happen, including organising the permits and the system and a wide range of organisations. His idea of using our buses as the mobile vaccination centres at the gangways brought an extra blessing. Our Chaplains were able to offer support and comfort to the seafarers waiting for their vaccinations during the challenging lockdowns.

Wayne was an inaugural member of the Seafarers Welfare Committee at Port Botany and served on the committee for over eight years. He found many new and innovative ways to help seafarers directly and also empowering those who were working to help them, including MTS. We miss you Wayne - but not as much as the seafarers will!

“It is difficult to see a seafarer in tears, offering many thanks for the gift of a small piece of plastic - a pre-loaded SIM card.”  
- Mts Chaplain

“The duty officer closed the door, leant against it and wept. I assured him he was safe and free to show his emotions.”  
- Mts Ship Volunteer

**Seeking A New Chaplain:** Thanks to the new Seafarers Welfare Fund (SWF) we are recruiting for an extra part-time Chaplain - **thank you to The Port Authority of New South Wales and NSW Ports** for funding this position and supporting our work this quarter, and beyond! See [‘Latest News’](#) on our website for details.





## Play Your Part – Ask the Brave Question during National ‘Include A Charity Week’

MtS is joining in the Fundraising Institute of Australia’s challenge to us all to ask the question “what cause do you really care about?” September 2-8 is ‘Include a Charity Week’ which aims to highlight the profound impact you can make through leaving a gift in your Will to support a cause close to your heart.

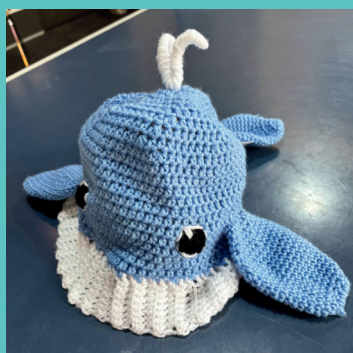
So this week, consider talking to your family and friends about what causes really matter to them. Learn more about each other and this powerful way of leaving a legacy. We hope you will consider supporting us! Ask your solicitor to add us to your existing will or make an online will for free.

*Details at ‘Leave a Legacy’ on our website or call our CEO Clayton to discuss.*

## 1005 Free Gifts of Love for Seafarers! Thank you to Henty Beanie Comp!

**AUCTION -  
PHONE OR EMAIL IN YOUR BID by OCT 1  
FOR A COMP. WINNING BEANIE!**

All Funds raised go to  
Father’s Day Appeal



Too clever to just give away!  
Send in a bid stating if you’d  
like the Whale or the Cat  
beanie and your \$ bid –  
these are winners from the  
Beanie comp!

Email it to: [support@missiontoseafarers.org.au](mailto:support@missiontoseafarers.org.au)

Competition organiser Yvonne Booth hit the media and attracted entries from every state and a wide range of ages - from a 9 year old boy to a 97 year old lady; She’s building community!

*“Each Beanie is like a happiness bomb - we are very blessed to have this fabulous group who continue to support us in so many ways!” said Clayton.*



### Visiting Seafarers and MTS Staff admire the Beanies!

The Henty Culcairn Probus group’s Inaugural Beanie Competition expected about 200 beanies – and received 1005 entries! Our CEO Clayton visited Henty, near Wagga Wagga, to share how touched seafarers are that someone cares enough to make something for them. He shared that often coming from warm climates and crossing hemispheres, beanies help ward off wild ocean winds and bring smiles in tough times!

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FATHER’S DAY APPEAL!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4 Easy Ways to Give – donations over \$2 are tax deductible:

- 1. PREFERRED: Website.** Use QR code or visit ‘Donation’ page on our website (instant receipt)
- 2. Direct deposit:** into BSB 062 074 Account No: 1000 8062 - Pl. email us the details for your receipt
- 3. Cheque:** to ‘Mission to Seafarers Sydney’\*
- 4. Credit/Debit:** Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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\*Please return this form to: Mission to Seafarers, 24 Hickson Road, Millers Point, NSW 2000

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