2026 LIFE AT SEA
Photography Competition Finalists

Sydney

A First Glimpse

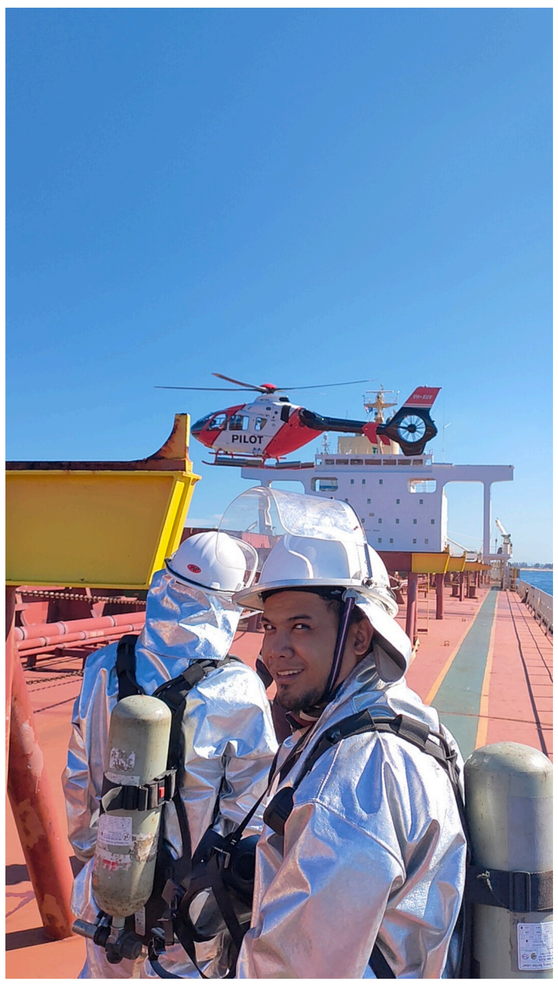
As someone who grew up in a tropical country, witnessing snowfall and snow-capped landscapes fills my heart with gratitude and humility. These moments feel surreal, reminding me how vast and beautiful the world is beyond what I once knew. This work has given me the rare opportunity to explore new places and experience different climates and cultures. Even amid the challenges and pressures of working at sea, I find joy in these short yet meaningful moments along the way.

Arjay Roxas

Carrying the World Across Water

From the bridge, the ocean feels endless and the responsibility immense. Life at sea demands sacrifice—time away from home, quiet strength, and constant vigilance—to keep global trade moving and lives safe across the world's waters.

Neil Glenn Parman



Emergency Team On Standby

We are on stand by for helicopter operation as the pilot boards our vessel. This is a critical and serious situation as anything could happen but as you can see I made the situation lighter and I trust my crewmates and I know we are all prepared cause we have been doing it before.

Janrex Nell G. Guanco

Training for the Unthinkable

Drills today save lives tomorrow. During a routine fire drill, two crew members advance together, fully equipped and guided by established procedures. Fire remains one of the greatest dangers at sea, and regular training ensures that every seafarer knows their role. This image highlights the professionalism and vigilance that define life onboard—where preparation is a daily responsibility.

Neil Glenn Parman

There's No "I" in Team

This is a cargo hold cleaning operation, a crucial part of a seafarer's work. It's a hard job because we came from coal and then we're gonna load grains on our next port of call. All crew work hand in hand and thankfully we passed the hold inspection. With God's guidance, there's no task we can't accomplish

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The Horizon Smile

Still managing to smile even working on in an extreme heat.

Erick Peter Boco

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Where Steel Meets Spirit

No matter how thick the rust or how heavy the workload, a seaman's spirit never corrodes. Like the steel we maintain, we are forged in hardship and tempered by the sea.

Captain Alvin Datuin

A momentary escape after all the job well done.

This photo was taken at Lirquen, Chile with my Jr 3rd officer. We just completed rightship inspection with maximum certification validity, 2 PSC inspections both with zero deficiencies, drydock, annual inspection, and new vessel company takeover.

Marc Brandon Francisco Cruz

Horizon of Knowledge

Bridge window is actively used as a whiteboard, covered in handwritten calculations and maritime notes that overlay the view of the open sea, capturing a moment of intense, practical study.

James Patrick Oabel De Ocampo