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What is Sea Sunday?

Sea Sunday is the global celebration of the enduring and vital work of the Mission to Seafarers. It has been happening every year for over 160 years and is our biggest fundraising event of the year.

On Sea Sunday, you can become a powerhouse of change, awareness and fundraising for our work. Each year in July you can join with thousands of others across the world who come together to speak out, celebrate, and fundraise work our vital work. Have you given thanks for a seafarer lately?



Mission to Seafarers

The Mission to Seafarers provides help and support to the 1.5 million men and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat. We work in over 200 ports in 50 countries caring for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs. Through our global network of chaplains, staff and volunteers we offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to seafarers through ship visits, drop-in seafarers' centres and a range of welfare and emergency support services.

Find out more about our work www.mtsbrisbane.org.au Tweet us your #SeaSunday photos

During Covid-19 Ship Crews

An often forgotten about group of key workers are the men and women of the shipping industry who move 95% of Australia's goods.

Since the start of the pandemic we have seen many countries shut down their borders. In normal times we would expect to see around 100,000 seafarers be replaced every month, but widespread travel restrictions are preventing these changes from taking place.

Many seafarers have been on board a ship for months, have had no contact with coronavirus, and they have now come to the end of their duty and cannot get home. The mental toll this is taking on many is too much and this critical issue is increasingly becoming a humanitarian crisis.

The issue of crew changes has attracted the attention of maritime business and industry groups worldwide, the general public are not so aware. Crew changes to relieve seafarers, some of whom have been onboard ships for months is still very rare in Australia, and likely to stay that way for months to come.

It is estimated there are more than 1.5m seafarers at sea at any one time and currently 300,000 seafarers due to change over. This involves flying in fresh workers to relive the tired crews.

Over the last few months we have seen the contribution so many have made, and the sacrifices, to keep Australia open and functioning. The Mission is working to try to assist in anyway possible to facilitate crews going home and when they are unable to do so we are assisting with keeping them supplied with personal necessities and treats.

Help us to care for them and tell your friends.







Thank you!

Your support today will allow us to reach even more seafarers

Over 1.5 million men and women work at sea. The work they do is at the heart of supporting our economy and moving the goods we use every day. A seafarer's life is often lonely and can be dangerous. With your vital help it doesn't have to be friendless or without hope. You can be a neighbour to crews everywhere in need.



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