

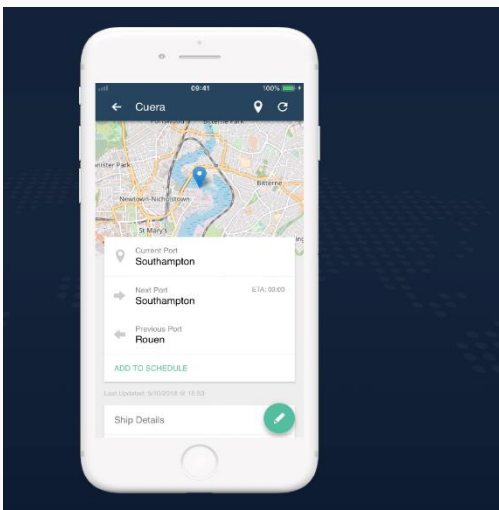


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Stella Maris Celebrates Centenary

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) was founded in October 1920 in Glasgow. On October 4, they celebrated 100 years of support to seafarers, fishers, and their families around the world. To mark the beginning of the centenary year they held a live-streamed Mass celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow. [Watch the Centenary Mass here](#) (at 10:50 listen to remarks written by Cardinal Turkson and read by Fr. Bruno Ciceri in Rome). Also, read more [here about the new logo branding and title of the Catholic maritime ministries, Stella Maris.](#)



ICMA Ship Visitor App offers new vehicle tracking add-on to simplify reporting

The ITF Seafarers' Trust has funded the [ICMA Ship Visitor App managed by Sailors' Society](#) to support ship visiting in ports globally. One task of ship visitors is the regular reports they need to generate to funders, trustees or other port welfare committees on the use of vehicles for seafarers' welfare. As part of the ITF Seafarers' Trust funding for the ICMA Ship Visitor app, a new tool has been developed that can help you easily keep track of how your vehicle is being used. This new feature in the app will save time and the hassle of tracking down information from various drivers or ship visitors. You can now easily produce a report in the app to send to a funder (like the ITF Seafarers' Trust), your trustees or any other committee you choose. In order to get started using this new vehicle information tool, we need to enter basic data about your vehicle into the ICMA Ship Visitor app. [If you wish to use this additional tool within the ICMA Ship Visitor app, please fill out this short survey.](#)



Catholic maritime ministries in North America celebrate Stella Maris centenary

The valuable convergence of Stella Maris worldwide workers was slated for October 4 in its birthplace: Glasgow, Scotland, this year. Due to COVID-19 the event has been postponed. The original imprint of caring for others continues to permeated generations of workers who seek to meet the needs of this congregation at sea. A hefty measure of volunteers from local parishes, have helped Stella Maris become the largest ship visiting network in the world. The longevity is due to multiple facts including an awareness of a vital humanitarian need and the joy of serving others. “It is spiritually rewarding,” said Deacon Paul Rosenblum, Port Chaplain for the Diocese of Charleston, S.C. “Serving is an act of obedience to love our neighbors. We have an obligation to assist those in need. People who begin working with seafarers tend to stick with it.” Read full article by [Susan Huppert at The MARE Report.](#)



Maritime Christmas: Survey

Christmas is only a few short months away. Despite the challenging year, we hope you can keep up your wonderful work to seafarers, fishers and their families during the holiday season this year. A number of maritime companies and other partners have asked us more about local Christmas programs in ports around the world, so we would like to gather some information from you so that we can have direct information should anyone wish to support your work. No doubt, it will also be very encouraging to get a global perspective on the size of maritime Christmas Programs. [If you run a maritime Christmas program, please fill short survey.](#)



New Zealand: Stuck at Sea With No End in Sight

Some seafarers stuck at New Zealand ports have spent more than a year at sea, with limited connection to the outside world – and they need our help. Mission to Seafarers' Oceania Regional Director Reverend Lance Lukin is supporting the thousands of seafarers arriving who cannot get home because of COVID-19 maritime restrictions and border closures. The Mission to Seafarers' have been designated as essential workers, providing welfare support to crews in ports around the country. "I'm very aware that the mental health of seafarers is particularly fraught and that is due in part because crew changes just aren't able to occur," says Reverend Lukin. [Read full article here.](#)



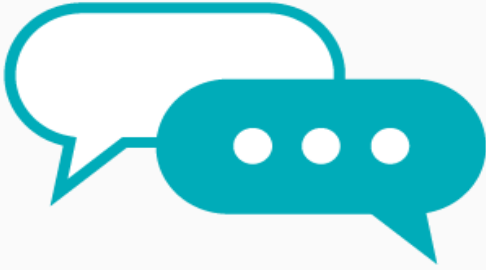
Research report: Chinese seafarers and international shipping companies

A new report on Chinese seafarers has been published by Hayden Green Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at The University of Nottingham. The team includes Dr Bin Wu and Dr Chris James Carter, alongside Mr Glory Gu, Regional Director of FLEET Management Limited in China, the world's third largest ship management company based in Hong Kong. Today, around 90 percent of world trade is carried out by the international shipping, the first truly globalised industry in the world. For scholars who are interested in the debate about the globalisation and impact on the developing world, international shipping is a good case not only because there is a global governance framework for safety operation, skill development and labour standards. [Read the report here.](#)



Cruise Industry Battles for Survival in the Pandemic

Few other industries have been as paralyzed by the pandemic as cruise ship tourism. Until the coronavirus struck in March, many companies, including German operators like Hapag-Lloyd Cruises, AIDA Cruises and TUI Cruises, knew only one trend: growth. More passengers, more ships, more destinations, greater profits. In 2019, the cruise industry employed 1.2 million people around the world. Last year, 3.1 million ship passengers came from Germany alone. But those kinds of numbers are now a thing of the past. [Read more in Spiegel International.](#)



Helplines Available for Seafarers' Well-Being

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increased concern for the mental well-being of seafarers. Problems include lack of shore leave and inability to change crews. Many voices in the maritime industry and seafarers' welfare have called for more attention to the problem. Helplines and chat services give seafarers and their families easier access to speak to someone who might listen and be able to point in the direction of help. [Read the list of helplines and chat services available at The MARE Report.](#)



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