



MISSION TO SEAFARERS – HALIFAX

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Caring for seafarers around the world



SUMMER 2022

SERVING SEAFARERS FOR 80 YEARS!

The Mission to Seafarers, once on Barrington St. under the name Missions to Seamen, is now located at 844 Marginal Rd. We have welcomed thousands of seafarers over the years. To celebrate the Millennium in 2000, the old trailer that had served the Mission for many years was replaced by the current building, which has gone through some renovations during the pandemic. We are grateful to community donors and partners for their support for helping during this difficult time. We recognize the **STARS** who have graciously supported the seafarers: Without YOU, we could not provide a ministry of practical, emotional, spiritual and social justice support to those who travel across the world to deliver 90% of everything to our shores. Please visit us at www.missiontoseafarershalifax.ca **THANK YOU.**

MtS STARS - PORT OF HALIFAX

Edmonds Landscape & Construction Services Ltd. followed up 2021 with another substantial donation in 2022 in honour of past volunteers Ernest & Marjorie Edmonds. Our renovated café is now The Edmonds Lounge. We had a delightful visit and, we are grateful for their generosity. Please visit us soon and check out the new renovations **Edmonds Landscape & Construction Services Ltd.** (see pg. 5 for renovations)



The Edmonds family: David, Sarah, Lisa, Helen and Josh



VE Day-Crowds gather on Barrington Street in Halifax to celebrate VE Day on May 8, 1945. Courtesy The Chronicle Herald/ Saltwire Network



Jessica Norman, Manager, Marine Policy and Operation, accepts the Halifax Port Authority STAR plaque showing years of solid, substantial support. We are beholden for the magnitude of support.

The Mission to Seafarers work worldwide in support of seafarers who have been mistreated or abandoned. Please keep the seafarers in your prayers.

Please Donate

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Nadia Forrest, ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd., accepts ZIM's first STAR plaque in thanks of their substantial support with an awesome donation. Founded in 1945 and headquartered in Haifa, Israel, ZIM operates a fleet of 101 vessels with a global network of 69 weekly lines. ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd. we THANK Steve Felder and ZIM management.



Captain Chris Hall (far left), president of the Shipping Federation of Canada, past president of the Company of Master Mariners of Canada, dropped by all the way from Montreal to present a donation in honour of long-serving and hardworking national treasurer, Captain Jack Gallagher (far right), on his retirement. Jack has been a volunteer with MtS Halifax for many years. Captain Jim Calvesbert and Bud Streeter, (centre) both mission volunteers were present and taught Chris during his days at the Coast Guard Academy. Listening to these Maritime scholars reminisce was an absolute thrill for me. Each one is a special angel on Earth with a wealth of knowledge and wisdom. We are truly blessed at MtS Halifax. THANK YOU!

HRH THE PRINCESS ROYAL & SECRETARY GENERAL - MV TORTUGAS

A special thank you was delivered on behalf of Mission to Seafarers Secretary General, Rev'd Andrew Wright when the MV Tortugas visited our port. He had visited the MV Tortugas on February 16th with special guest HRH The Princess Royal, at the Port of Southampton, to hear personal stories from the crew about experiences during the pandemic. HRH was also accompanied by Rev'd John Attenborough, the Mission's Southampton port chaplain, who shared the work done by the Mission on the frontline during COVID-19 and the importance of the international support networks around the world, providing care and assistance 24/7.



We were also delighted to visit the master and crew of MV Tortugas at Halifax Port by way of a follow up. We thanked them for their perseverance with continued challenges during these extraordinary times. We were welcomed by Captain Nitin Malkani, Chief Engineer Herjeet Singh, Chief Officer Ian Lopes, Third Officer Yash Kapoor and Cadet Aditya Singh. We delivered the simple pleasures of donuts and chocolates with messages of hope and prosperity. The captain offered sincerest thanks for our consistent visits during a world pandemic. Perhaps next time this crew will have time for shore leave. Safe sails and following seas to our friends!



Captain Nitin Malkani, Helen Glenn, Deacon Art Mitchel & C/E Herjeet Singh



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"On behalf of my officers and crew, I wish to thank you and those who are doing this holy work, by giving from their time and money, to let us feel the home dream. We thank you specially for the warm feeling you giving us, with donuts, and info booklets. You all are doing a holy job! I thank you personally for such divine welcome us." Respectfully yours, Capt.Avi Lugasi Gal, Master of the good ship "Zim Vancouver".

Captain Meir airlifted, I need some help by you, if it possible: last February I was hospitalized in the QE2 the Covid-19 department. The staff there were amazing and really helped and assisted from all their hearts. I have bought small gifts for all the nurses that helped me. I wish to know if you can transfer the gifts from ship to the hospital to this department. I will donate to the mission and pay the fee for this delivery, if it is possible or not.

I appreciate all your assistance daily for all seafarers. My ship

needs to arrive tomorrow 10/may 19:00 at the container terminal ZIM Vancouver. I appreciate your help and care. All the year summer or winter you are there for all seafarers. Thank you for all, and best wishes from me, Capt. Dizraeli Meir.

Captain Meir was so weak he was airlifted from his vessel and transported to QEII. Photo Top right: Captain with Rabbi Mendal Feldman at the health centre. Bottom right: Volunteer Howard Gray delivers gifts of thanks to the



Thank you very much for the support in these hard times, all seafarers are very grateful and excited for the presents provided by the Halifax seaman's Centre. Best Regards Master Sergii LOBKOV Ch.Eng Kotlovsky Ihor MSC Rochelle

Dearest Helen, Thank you for your efforts, it means a lot for all of us. Certainly, many crew who are onboard for several months are very happy with the gifts - many thanks for arranging things and indeed all went so smoothly. Regarding Chief Engineer's request, many thanks for your help in this matter. You are most welcome to have lunch with us, usually we have Biryani on Sunday afternoon. We appreciate your wonderful work. Hope to catch up on shore leave soon. Best Regards, Chief Officer, Bhuvaneshwaran Pandian M.V CMA CGM CHILE



MV CMA CGM CHILE CREW

Igor Beliy had been trying to source a Google Pixel 6 for over 5 months. We purchased the phone and delivered it to him when the ZIM MONACO arrived in our port. Igor's message "Thank you very much, not for the phone, for your understanding, support, selflessness and kindness, now there is very little of this in the world and I am glad that somewhere humanity and mutual assistance have remained the norm of life. And of course, thanks for the phone, I tried to buy it for 5 months, thanks to you, it became easy and pleasant. Thank you, Best regards." Igor Beliy

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Cobs Bread - End of Day Giving Program – Paying it Forward

Cobs staff are up at the crack of dawn so their bakeries smell like Mom's kitchen. After each day of sharing their love for all things fluffy and flaky, they pay it forward by donating leftover baked goods to local charities. As a charity mission, we collect end of day products every second week from Cobs Bread and deliver to crew members on vessels visiting the Port of Halifax. Seen bottom right Glenn Taylor delivered cinnamon rolls, biscuits and bread to the BBC GDANSK and MSC Brianna. We are grateful to Cob's management for their kind generosity and are thrilled with accolades of thanks from visiting seafarers. www.cobsbread.com



Glenn delivers treats to BBC GDANSK CREW



Bernie delivers Cobs to MSC Brianna



Susan Picton preparing totes with Emmerson Mazerolle

WHAT DOES SHORE LEAVE FEEL LIKE?

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.



Augusta Unity Crew visits Mission Spring 2022 GRATEFUL



Tropic Lisette with Deacon Art Mitchell First shore leave in 1 year



MSC Brianna Ukrainian crew member accepting a FREE SIM from Glenn Taylor



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KUDOS TO SPONSORS & PATRONS



Jim, Priscilla, Susan, Pat, Norman, Aurora and James



Glenn, Helen, Carolyn, Peter, Jim and Father Roman Dusanowskyi of the Holy Ghost Ukranian Catholic Church in Sydney NS



James and Norman



Susan, Norman, Susan and James

Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our invaluable volunteers our delectable lunches are appreciated by our supportive patrons who order in advance and pick lunches up in our parking lot. Top left: Happy leprecauns provided a robust Beef Stew in celebration of St. Patrick's Day sponsored by Atlantic Pilotage Authority, with help from the infamous Trevor Simms. (not pictured) In April volunteers (bottom right) served up lasagna sponsored by Logistec. Spring weather permitted a BURGER BBQ in May sponsored by AUTOPORT LTD. Bottom left: Norman cooking up 84 burgers to appease our luncheon patrons. THANKS TO ALL! We will start up with take-outs again in September 17th. Stay posted!

MISSION RENOVATIONS

The water damage repairs are completed in our kitchen. We are thankful to the International Sailors Society of Canada (intl.sailorssociety.ca) and the Diocese Synod of NS & PE for covering off the insurance deductible.



The Edmonds Lounge is now complete thanks to Edmonds Landscape & Construction Services Ltd.



Aurora Ulloa-Parsons' magical green thumb



Glenn Taylor battles the weeds



Glenn and Bernie Leonard cleaning up back yard




Kevin Walker and Deacon Art Mitchell changing basketball net

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International Day for Women

 "While the challenges have been great, our successes have been too, especially during the past two years. Women are nurturers. We are the caregivers of this world and have much to offer. My personal life has been enriched by the integrity of the women I have met in the shipping industry. Women of today are making a difference."

Helen Glenn, Mission Manager Halifax, Canada

Ship Welfare Volunteer Palma Heming (L), Manager Helen Glenn (M), and Volunteer Extraordinaire Susan Picton (R), The Mission to Seafarers, Halifax, NS, CANADA

"I do imagine a gender equal world. We will continue to break down the barriers."



Susan and Norman packaging hand-made neck cowells for seafarers. Susan and her friend Susan purchase the materials, sew the neck scarves, package them and they are handed out for free to seafarers BLESSED BE!

May 18 marked the International Maritime Organization's inaugural International Day for Women in Maritime, focusing on the themes of training, visibility, recognition, and supporting a barrier-free working environment. The idea of the day is to provide a platform to highlight and celebrate the achievements of women in maritime and identify areas of improvement for gender balance. The IMO partnered with the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) to produce an in-depth survey study of women in maritime.. The data demonstrates that women account for only 29% of the overall workforce in the general industry and 20% of the workforce of national maritime authorities in member states. Women make up just 28% of the board member seats of the more than 5,000 organisations surveyed.

*Prayer for Peace
God of all grace
and lover of all nations,
we pray for peace
in our hearts and in our homes,
in our nation and in the world:
the peace of your will,
the peace of our need,
remembering especially all on land
and at sea,
caught up in the current crisis.
In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen*



Executive Chef, Trevor Simms – Our Culinary STAR

Every dish has a story, be it the inspiration behind it or a feeling it evokes. Long before graduating from the Culinary Institute of Canada in PEI, Trevor knew he would one day be an executive chef. Now at the pinnacle of his craft, Trevor's overall cooking philosophy is to work hard, have fun, season everything and never take yourself too seriously. We are grateful for his benevolent spirit as we have reaped the rewards of his signature elaborate cooking style. Trevor is with the Marriott Harbourfront and has prepared Christmas and other luncheons over the years for us all, and many supporters enjoyed his savoir-faire. Executive Chef Trevor, you are much appreciated. We THANK YOU.



We are grateful to STARS. Your financial support does great deeds for seafarers.

The International Sailors Society of Canada continues to grant our wishes with funding to provide a safe "home away from home" for our seafaring friends, not to mention, a donation to cover insurance deductible after considerable water damage was sustained in kitchen during the winter.

We thank MtS IHQ for grants to support Ukrainian and Russian seafarers, helping them to reach out to their families and NAMMA for kicking off this FREE SIM initiative, which has permitted the distribution of 300 SIMS to those who are heart sick about their homeland, and their families safety.

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VOLUNTEER PROFILE – PALMA HEMING

Here's my story....

My Newfoundland parents moved our family West while looking for work, so I, having been born in Ontario, ended up being raised in Calgary. There I graduated from the University of Calgary and worked in the IT department of Petro-Canada for 10 years until 1987, when I changed careers. Having obtained my Private Pilot License earlier, I continued my aviation training, obtaining my Commercial and Airline Transport Licenses. I continued working my way through the aviation industry and eventually became manager of the Calgary Flying Club and a pilot examiner for private and Commercial pilots. My husband George, who also had his Private Pilot License, and I both shared a love of aviation, so we bought a share in a Piper Comanche 250 aircraft and enjoyed many years of flying it all around Canada and the continent including places like Tuktoyaktuk, Alaska, Baja California, Mexico; the Bahamas and many destinations in the US. We both retired in 1999 - I, from the Calgary Flying Club and George, from the Calgary Fire Department - but sadly, after 4 years of wonderful retirement, George passed away. Thereafter, I continued to work part time in aviation in Calgary until the time came when I realized I needed to get back to my familial roots of salt water. So, in 2013, I picked up and moved to Halifax to get the best of both. Here, I continue to work in flight training out of Debert air-

port, and still enjoy living the Maritime life.

While attending St. George's Anglican Church in Halifax, I discovered the Mission to Seafarers through their annual Christmas Shoebox campaign. Not having any plans for the Christmas of 2013 but also not realizing the complexity of the Mission operation, I walked into the Mission, introduced myself to Helen Glenn and offered to "man the phones" on Christmas Day. Helen welcomed me with open arms and immediately brought me into the Mission volunteer family. I quickly came to realize the incredible support the Mission gives the many seafarers who arrive at our port, and it wasn't long before Helen arranged to have me trained as a ship visitor. I have seen many aspects of the seafarer's life and have learned so much about the conditions under which they work. They are truly an invaluable and hardworking group - I am fortunate to be able to assist them through the efforts of the Halifax Mission to Seafarers.



MESSAGES OF THANKS FROM SEAFARING FRIENDS

Dear Helen, Good evening



For the first time we were given this opportunity for shore leave, and we really appreciate the heart-warming love, hospitality and full service that you extended to us on our short port stay here in Halifax. Everybody felt refreshed and motivated as they returned onboard with joy and I heard stories of joy and great pleasure from all of them. Without the mission and your team's effort, they would not have been able to enjoy the privilege of going ashore. How lucky we were for our first visit in Halifax, we have never been treated so special throughout our lives at sea. Thanks & Best Regards Capt. Jesus P. Teodosio / Master and Nestor P. Delos Santos Jr. / Ch Engineer MSC MATTINA

Palma is keen to engage masters and crew alike to ensure their spiritual, practical, and medical needs are met to the best of our ability. A ship welfare volunteer is tasked frequently with shopping for many on board a vessel – and this is not an easy task! Palma accomplishes everything with succinct perfection and is aware of how long those shopping lists may be. Her interests range from volunteering at vaccination centers, to community theatre, ocean kayaking and, of course, flying. Palma is a brilliant, spunky member of our volunteer family, and I will miss her when she goes on her winter adventure. Thank you for your commitment and your time Palma.

-Helen Glenn

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**DAY OF THE
SEAFARER**
—25 JUNE—

This is a day committed to thanking seafarers from all over the world.

Our Filipino-Canadian friends were on hand June 24th to provide a light lunch of authentic Filipino spring rolls, noodles and dessert. We broke bread with crew members from the Atlantic Sky, MP Andy Fillmore, donors, volunteers and sponsors. We are grateful to our Fil-Cdn friends for continuing this eight year tradition as we salute seafarers for delivering 90% of everything to our shores.

SEA SUNDAY-JULY 10 - It is a day when we give thanks for seafarers lives and work. Please DONATE

Sea Sunday is the day which many Christian Churches set aside to remember and pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. It is officially held on the **second Sunday in July** but can be celebrated anytime during the year. We are hopeful that our community churches will celebrate with a sermon and offerings of love. 90% of everything!

SHIP WELFARE VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to Bud Streeter and Rev'd Andrew Cooke. Both join us as ship welfare volunteers and are well known within the Port of Halifax and the international maritime community.

Upcoming Events

- Mark your calendars for TAKE OUT luncheons for Sept. 15, Oct. 27 and Nov 17.
- MtS Halifax Golf Tournament for Oct. 5, SHOTGUN START - Details to follow.

MtS Halifax VOLUNTEERS

John Attersley
Sandra Attersley
Peter Bartlett
Captain Jim Calvesbert
Rev'd Andrew Cooke

Nancy Eisener
Carolyn Graham
Howard Gray
Palma Heming
Joy MacDonnell

James Kennedy
Deacon Art Mitchell
Captain James Parsons
Captain Andrew Powell
Captain Aage Roren
Bud Streeter
Captain Colm Stockdale

Glenn Taylor
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