

## CHRISTMAS AT SEA 2022



*“...And well I knew the talk they had, the talk that was of me,  
Of the shadow on the household and the son that went to sea;  
And O the wicked fool I seemed, in every kind of way,  
To be here and hauling frozen ropes on blessed Christmas Day...  
excerpt from ‘**Christmas At Sea**’ poem by Robert Lewis Stevenson*

This year we were blessed with 63 vessels and over 750 seafarers who enjoyed our gifting holiday, ‘Christmas At Sea’, from Thanksgiving through January. In the past our volunteers used to personally deliver gifts directly aboard ship but remnants of the pandemic restrictions inspired development of new ship visiting protocols. As a result, we adapted our methods of gift packaging and delivery so that captains and crews received their gifts and visits dockside.

For more than 17 years, our annual holiday gift giving tradition has been part of the friendly and supportive relationships our port community employees, stevedores, dock workers share with visiting mariners throughout the year. It’s a

joyful way to thank seafarers for their hard work and sacrifices delivering goods from all over the world to our port.







We are sincerely grateful for our volunteers, supporters and donors who graciously and generously gave their time, talents and resources to make this Christmas a joyful celebration for our seafaring port community.

