

#GivingTuesday 2023 is all about taking action on November 28th!

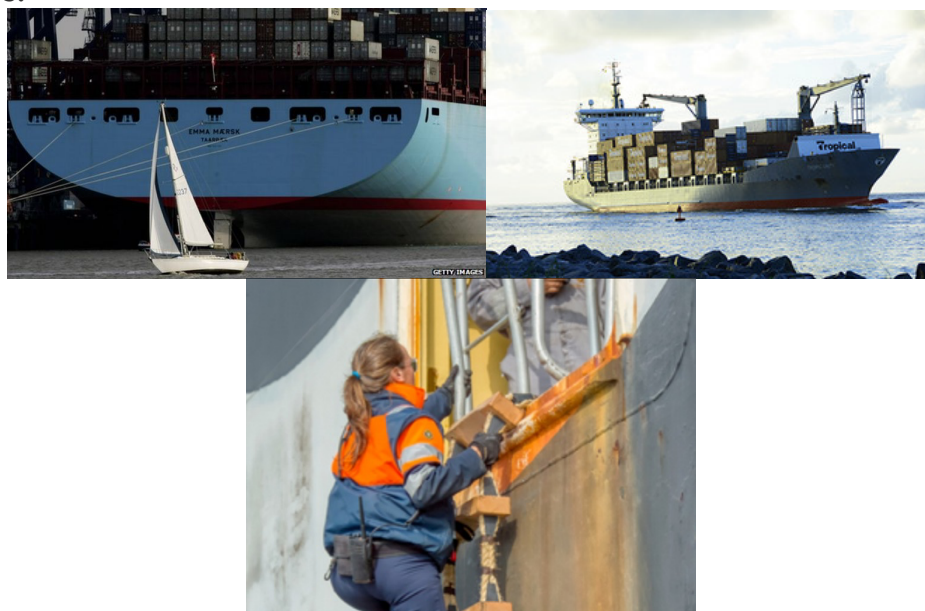


Welcoming and caring for the maritime community one ship at a time

We all have something to give. Whether it's doing an act of kindness, speaking out for a cause or donating to a favorite nonprofit charity as ours, [palmbeachseafarerscenter.org](https://palmbeachseafarerscenter.org), every act of generosity counts and means more when we give together.

Did you know that a mariner's job is the #2 most dangerous job in the world after the #1 most dangerous job fishing?

When you let others know about our needs for #GivingTuesday, how will you connect with them? If you make a call, post on social media, send a text or email did you know that 90% of everything you use, eat or wear as cell phones, computers, cars, food, clothes, equipment, and much more is delivered by ship and the 'invisible' labor of seafarers?



And, in case you didn't know.... these "invisible laborers" at sea may be on a vessel of 1000 to 7000 containers, 150 to 300 meters long working in vast ocean lanes that an estimated 100,000 ships may use. They work continuously through 12+ hour days with limited time to eat, use cell phones or devices or tend to personal needs and limited time for socialization in an environment full of deafening ship and ocean noise and constant danger, often with few options to abate exhaustion and loneliness.



Your generous donations enable us to offer a joyful warm welcome and caring support to crews by making ship visits or giving assistance dockside with personal needs requests. We provide free transport to our dedicated Port of Palm Beach Seafarers Center for rest, renewal and recreation, pastoral care, personal hygiene gifts, clothing and much more as well as free transport to doctors, hospitals, pharmacies. We offer free delivery pack and ship services for crews to send packages home and reduced cost transport to food markets, general stores, airports. We will soon offer MoneyGram services. Our budget requirements are increasing every year as seafarers request additional vital services.



### We need your support!

Please make our Port of Palm Beach Seafarers Center 501(c)(3) organization one of your favorite nonprofit charities by using our PayPal donation options on our website, [www.palmbeachseafarerscenter.org](http://www.palmbeachseafarerscenter.org) or mailing your contribution.

Please visit *How You Can Help* on our website and select an option as:

- knit a seafarers watch cap or scarf using patterns on our website or chose an event to help us
- pray for all mariners daily: Lord God, Creator of land and sea, bless those who work on land, lakes, rivers and seas. Be with them in fair weather and foul, in danger or distress. Strengthen them when weary, lift them up when down and comfort them when far from their loved ones. In this life, bring them safely home or to shore, and in the life to come, welcome them to your kingdom. Amen.
- visit a maritime museum
- read a book about mariners or the maritime industry

From “the all-volunteer crew” who work together giving their personal time, talents and resources in service to the maritime community at the Port of Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Florida, we sincerely thank you for your generosity and kindness helping us help crews who are always “invisibly” helping you!