

**2023**  
**International Day of the Seafarer**



**AND**



On the International Day of the Seafarer June 25th and Sea Sunday July we celebrate with a “Thank You” to all the tireless, nearly invisible laborers in the maritime industry who make our domestic and international sea trade economy better and safer.

We salute every fisherman and crew on our inland and ocean waters, every cruise ship captain and crew, mariners of the global shipping industry, military seafarers of the United States Coast Guard to the United States Navy. We honor oceanographers and marine biologists who devote their lives to discovering more about our planet's rivers, lakes and ocean depths.

This year we celebrated International Day of the Seafarer and Sea Sunday with transport to our PBSCenter or personal ship visits reminding mariners of their special day and carrying gift bags of needed goods. Some crew learned for the first time about special days dedicated to honor and respect their contributions to our lives.



Here is what you can do to say “Thank You:” to our maritime laborers:

- 1)  
please select ***Donate*** on our website menu and please support us
- 2)  
please knit seafarers watch caps or scarves using patterns on our website under ***“How You Can Help”***
- 3)  
please select ***“How You Can Help”*** on our website and chose an event to help us
- 4)  
visit a United States Coast Guard station, a United States Navy base  
or a military museum
- 5)  
read a book about life at sea such as *Ninety Percent of Everything: Inside Shipping, the Invisible Industry That Puts Clothes on Your Back, Gas in Your Car, Food on Your Plate;* or,  
watch a movie such as, “*Captain Phillips*”, (2013) based upon a true story of a Navy Seal rescue
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pray for mariners daily:

*Lord God, Creator of land and sea, bless those who work the land, on 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.*

We are very grateful for your kind and generous support of our maritime industry.



The International Day of the Seafarer was established in 2010 by a resolution adopted at a diplomatic conference in Manila. The original International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) ensured an international standard of seafarers competency, welfare and safety and a later revision ensured the celebration of the Day of the Seafarer. The convention's aim was to recognize the contribution by seafarers to our global society and economy.