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Caring for seafarers
around the world

Dear friend,

Day of the Seafarer – will you help?

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of The Mission to Seafarers to ask for your help. As I am sure you have read in the media, charities are facing a bleak time as the usual fundraising channels are dramatically affected. It is anticipated that fundraised income could reduce by up to 48%, at the same time as demand for their services is expected to rise by 43%.

On this **Day of the Seafarer** we are reaching out to you as someone working within the shipping industry to ask if you would consider setting up a personal direct debit to help us continue to do our valuable work? It is a simple process and should not take up much of your time, but it will help us enormously.

The industry is highly dependent upon the well-being of seafarers. Today, there are huge pressures on seafarers, and I have been pleased to see the industry has been taking the mental health of seafarers very seriously indeed.

Our frontline teams, port chaplains, ship visitors and centre staff are vital components in maintaining seafarers' mental well-being. A conversation face-to-face, by phone or through social media can transform lives – and even be the difference between life and death.

Last year, with the support of the UKP&I Club we launched our WeCare programmes aimed at improving social communications between seafarers and their families. A second programme, WeCare Financial Well-being has also been developed. We are currently working on a new programme to provide much-needed training in suicide prevention.

Our Family Support Service in the Philippines has been incredibly successful and is under huge pressure during the COVID-19 crisis, as seafarers and families seek practical and emotional assistance.

As we are now under considerable constraints in the delivery of our port-based work, we have launched a major Digital Chaplaincy service (“Chat to a Chaplain”) responding to seafarers 24/7 worldwide, with the involvement of our nine regions.

The Mission to Seafarers as an international maritime charity has been providing frontline services to seafarers since 1856. Now as a leading provider for seafarers' welfare, the charity operates in 200 ports and 50 countries, with 121 Flying Angel Centres.

In 2019, we recorded the following statistics in reaching seafarers.

- 75,220 ship visits, meeting 376,000 seafarers
- 435,000 centre visits
- 400,000 seafarers transported
- 2,616 justice & welfare cases

Many millions of us are now working from home and although the future is uncertain, what we save on the daily cup of coffee or the sandwich lunch or even the sums spent in commuting or restaurant dining could make such a difference to the Mission. I am sure we can all afford just a small sum for those upon whom we all depend, not just for bringing the essential items to our supermarkets, but for being the very fabric on which the industry depends.

Often we hear that, if there were no seafarers, half the world would starve, and half would freeze. I am sure that there is no better time for us all to show our solidarity with seafarers and to make that contribution to The Mission to Seafarers, so that we can be confident that the charity will be there for seafarers now and in the future, as and when this help is needed most.

So, on this **Day of the Seafarer**, can we call upon you to give that regular gift which will help us through these difficult times? I hope you can join me in doing so.

With kind regards,



Tom Boardley
Chairman
The Mission to Seafarers



P.S. I have taken the liberty of including an attachment with details for making a donation and/or setting up a personal direct debit.

I thank you for joining the Mission's global family in this endeavour.

Yes, I will help Seafarers

Name

Address

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Postcode.....

I enclose a cheque / voucher payable to **The Mission to Seafarers**

Or Please debit my:

Visa Mastercard CAF card/other charity card

Card Number:

Start Date: / Expiry Date: /

Security no (last 3 digits on reverse of card):

Signature: _____ Date: / /

If you would like to give over the phone please call 020 7246 2930
To give online or for more information please visit our website
www.missiontoseafarers.org.

I want to give a regular gift of £

monthly/quarterly/annually starting on the
7th of month _____

**Instruction to your bank or building
society to pay by direct debit**

Please fill in the whole form using
a ball point pen and send to:
FREEPOST THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS



Service user number

Name and address of your bank or building society

To: The Manager Bank/building society:

Branch address:

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Name(s) of account holder(s)

Bank/building society account number

Sort code

Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay The Mission to Seafarers Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction
subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this
Instruction may remain with The Mission to Seafarers and, if so, details will be passed
electronically to my bank/building society.

Signature(s)

Date

Banks and building societies may
not accept Direct Debit instructions
from some types of account

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Email address: _____

Gift Aid Declaration

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate!

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to The Mission to Seafarers

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify The Mission to Seafarers if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

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Signature: _____

Date: / /

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Thank you