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Caring for seafarers around the world



FALL 2024

25th ANNUAL MtS GOLF TOURNAMENT AT AVON VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Congratulations to all who supported our golf tournament. The weather was perfect, the play flowed wonderfully, and in Jason Flinns' words *"we were all winners as the generosity shone as brightly as the sunshine with supporters helping to raise \$15,900!"* The Best Scoring Teams tied: Horizon Maritimes & Maritime World Logistics. The 50/50 collected \$505. Winner Wayne Snow, KMS donated his 50% back to The Mission to Seafarers!

THANKS! To see all the amaz-

ing teams who supported this awesome event: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/201421837@N02/albums/72177720320314233/>



Women's Longest Drive Sandra Attersley & Don Hatcher



Stan & Jody GFL Environment HOLE IN ONE SPONSOR



Horizon Maritimes tied best scoring team with Maritime World Logistics



KMS - Barry, Todd & Wayne Snow donated 50/50 back to MtS



MWL tied best scoring team, men's longest drive and also won closest to the pin



Bluewater Group/Edge Marine



Volunteers Jim, Max, Mike, Jason, John

Congratulations to all –it was a great day! KUDOS TO:

- Men's Closest to the Hole – Wes McGuire, MWL
- Women's Closest to the Hole – Christina Garon, HPA
- Men's Longest Drive – Serge Dipenta, MWL
- Women's Longest Drive – Sandra Attersley
- Most Honest Team – Halifax Employers Association
- Goat Ball – BlueWater Group 50% of (\$340 raised)

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SHORE LEAVE IS CRITICAL FOR SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL CARE

A clear sign of a joyful Friday are happy faces, especially if they are seafarers! Thank-you to Cobs Bread in Bedford for their continued bread donations to Mission to Seafarers Halifax. Thank-you to the crews of the EF Ava, CMA CGM Argentina and Connector for welcoming Jason on board. Crew below with Chaplain, Jason Flinn.



WM Crystal crew

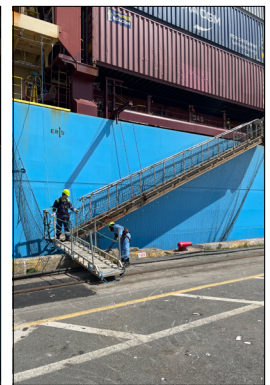
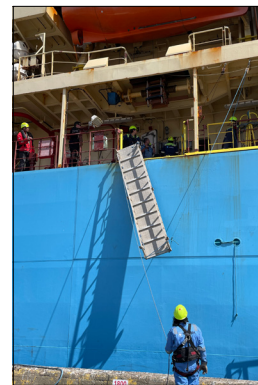


Our seafarer friends from Contship Art love to take the mission bikes out to go exploring along the waterfront, while getting some fresh air and exercise. We invite all seafarers who visit to please follow their healthy example the next time you are in the Halifax Port and you have some shore leave! Beautiful Point Pleasant Park is a few minutes ride away!



It is joyful to hear the laughter of crew members of the Silver Shadow enjoying respite in the lounge.

A great reminder about how important skilled gangway watch is to visiting ships safely. The careful and thoughtful teamwork it takes was evident when Jason Flinn visited the Vistula Maersk. Many thanks to the captain and crew.



Atlantic Starbucks on the Atlantic STAR!



NYK Romulus crew heading for a bike ride to Point Pleasant Park

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There is never a dull moment visiting ships at the port of Halifax! Chris Dean of Dean Falconry Services seen here with his gyrfalcon named Beauty, who makes sure the seagulls don't cause too much disruption around the ships. It takes many different jobs to make such a dynamic work environment run smoothly. Jason Flinn was thankful for the opportunity to get to know Beauty and learn about these services.



Ambassador Emmerson Mazerolle receives pool advice from some of the crew of the ONE CYGNUS. A few of them have sons the same age as Em. They were delighted to spend quality time with the young man, as he shared news of his YOU TUBE channel. A number of crew members are also active on YOU TUBE and shared a few pointers.



Captain Alan Knight with young Eythan Karp photo to the left. A motivated young American gaining valuable experience whilst seeing the world serving on the John Paul D'Joria. The ship was built for the Scottish Government Department of Fisheries and is well-maintained to a very high standard. Karl Risser, ITF Atlantic and Captain Alan Knight, Transport Canada. Two awesome resources and supporters of our MtS Halifax.



Dysangco Antonio of CMA CGM Paranaugua ready to roll with donor Jim Shubert who was visiting from New York.

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MSC Levine enjoying respite with tunes.



Captain and crew of the Contship Leo with Peter Bartlett were transported to Walmart to shop for provisions. Peter and wife Gina have moved to Kingston to be closer to senior family members. Thanks for your years of service to our seafarer friends Peter!



EM KEA crew feasting upon pizza & chicken. Seafarers come to the mission and enjoy non-ship-board food – a unique but essential respite from the limitations of life, work and food on board.



Captain Colm Stockdale helps prepare the Tropic Hope crew for a cruise to our fabulous Port Pleasant Park.



Rev'd Andrew onboard the H Mercury. This vessel will visit every 35 days.

Our port community has many dedicated people working together for the good of creating a safe and welcoming environment for seafarers. Ian Andrew MacDonald and Ken Fraser are two great men who have welcomed ship visitors through their gate many times with a smile. They did tell me that they themselves are unlikely friends based on the history of their two clans doing battle in Scotland's past. It is so great that they have found peace and we can all benefit from it :)



As luxurious and restful as cruise ships may seem to us landlubbers, the crew on board can find them restrictive and their duties stressful. Many, like these two from the Seabourn Quest, find time to come to the Mission and just play pool, talk with their loved ones, or just plain relax in the peace and quiet. Like the Gotland crew in the background.

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PHILANTHROPY - THE DESIRE TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF OTHERS

Our dear friend and supporter, Sarah Edmonds from Edmonds Landscape Services visited the mission with another generous donation in memory of Ernest & Marjorie Edmonds. In her card she wrote: *We know your humble mission serves as a beacon of hope and love – a sincere comfort away from home for these seafarers who need it the most. (The note you shared with me during our last visit is a true testament to this). In loving memory of our Granny and Grandad, (Mom and Dad), we hope and pray this gift provides some additional support, to help continue your important work for our seafaring community. “In*



everything I have shown you that, by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus’ words: It is more blessed to give than to receive”. Acts 20:35 Sincerely, Sarah, Roger, Lynn, Nancy, David, Diane & Families



Kevin Baker, of Jeddore a seafarer/engineer himself, dropped into the mission with a huge bag of warm clothing at a time when our Free Room was almost depleted. Again, we are reminded, it’s a small world afterall! During a conversation with Bud Streeter, they realized that Kevin’s wife, Susan worked with Bud at Transport Canada decades ago. Serendipitous moments occur frequently at the MtS Halifax.

Captain Dane Grant, Northumberland Ferries Limited seen here with Emily Cannon (Executive Director of Finance) and Allison MacLaurin (Marketing and Customer Experience Manager) presented a substantial donation to Manager, Helen Glenn in the name of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild to show thanks for their help this season in maintaining a safe operation. Interesting that the theme of the international day of the seafarer was “Safety First”. We are grateful for their generous support.



In order to ensure safe and reliable operation, our fleet of bicycles undergoes regular maintenance and safety checks. Here is Mission friend and supporter Dick Jamer, an avid bicyclist, completing the servicing and checks with the assistance of volunteer, Bud Streeter. We thank Dick and all of our supporters and volunteers, without whom we would be unable to offer all of our services to visiting seafarers.



Dear God,

Please protect all seafarers
at sea. Keep them safe,
guide their journeys, and
bring them home.

Amen.

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NAMMA CONFERENCE NEWARK NJ SEPTEMBER 2024

Seafarers' welfare organizations have displayed remarkable adaptability in addressing ever-evolving challenges. This was clearly evident when over 125 delegates registered from both local and international seafarers' welfare groups. On September 26, 2024, World Maritime Day carried the theme "Navigating the Future: Safety First!" A novel perspective emerged when the word "First" was emphasized. This shift encouraged profound discussions and presentations, touching upon spiritual and inspirational aspects, preparation, core tenets of maritime ministry, professional growth, recruitment, and vision alignment. Panels and workshops addressing institutional priorities in line with the WMD theme were pivotal. [Conference 2024 - NAMMA](#) Thank you Dr. Jason Zuidema!



Participants on the Sandy Hook Pilot Boat in New York Harbour "First things First"



Jason, Helen and Deacon Art



Deacon Art, Helen Glenn, Jason Flinn, Rev'd Judith Alltree



Fr. Ian Hutchinson Cervantes, RD – Latin América and Port Chaplain - Panamá, Rev'd Joshua Messick Executive Director – Baltimore International Seafarers' Center - Baltimore, MD

MtS CANADA CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 2024

The Mission to Seafarers Canada team were joined by colleagues from Seattle, Baltimore, Texas, Australia and New Zealand to break bread, pray and discuss challenges and successes whilst planning for Continuity of Care to visiting seafarers. Highlights included: welcome messages from Peter Rouch (MtS Secretary General), Bud Streeter (President MtSC), and Judith Alltree (Regional Director MtSC). Our Regional Director, Canada, Rev'd Judith Alltree presented her report and we were fortunate to hear from Sue Dight, Regional Director of Australia, Lance Lukin, MtS Regional Director for



Rich, Dan, Annette, Helen, Julia, Josh, Eric, Jason, Art, Ben, Judith, Thomas, Sue, Tony, Lance and Peter top right on screen!

Oceania and Pacific Region along with various other incredible speakers. Ben Bailey, Director of Programmes from London, England shared news of the updated Ship Visitors App and the

Happy@Sea app which will soon be available. As manager of MtS Halifax, I was ecstatic to have volunteer Deacon Art Mitchell and Ship Welfare Visitor/Chaplain Jason Flinn with me.

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THE REST OF THE STORY – JONECAR (JUNI) ERMINO – A BRAVE YOUNG SEAFARER



Jonecar Ermino, whose leg was crushed by a gangway platform in Halifax endured 4 surgeries and finally found refuge at an airport hotel for yet another 4 weeks, awaiting her sister's arrival to the Philippines, still far from her hometown, she was out of money with no place to stay. Emergency funding was wired to her from MtS Halifax. Juni states she

is exceptionally grateful for our team and our Philippine-Canadian community for supporting her, emotionally and financially. The emergency funding came directly from the Cathedral of All Saints! Junie has continued to share news of her journey. See the rest of her story on our website:

<https://www.missiontoseafarershalifax.ca/about-the-mission/junies-story/>

SEAFARERS ARE NOT THE ONLY VISITORS TO MTS HALIFAX



We were graced by a visit from retired Chaplain David Wells, and his lovely wife who sailed into Halifax on the Emerald Princess. David spent 22 years as clergy at the International Seafarers House in Houston, Texas. They were transported to our mission after a quick shopping spree because the airline lost their luggage. We realized that he and I had met at a past at a NAMMA conference. It truly is a small world after all.



We welcomed Tracy Wilcox from Ottawa who shared that she was a volunteer at the MtS Halifax decades ago. She was amazed by the transformation of our home away from home and impressed with our yard.



While on holiday and visiting Halifax for two days, Lalin De Silva, a ship Captain from Sri Lanka, and his wife (not in photo), Harshini De Silva, purposely visited the Mission on 20 September 2024 after knowing our presence in Halifax. Captain De Silva sailed with the K-Line bulk carriers and was Operations Manager at the CMA CGM.

Halifax Mission Volunteer Bud Streeter spent Sunday afternoon exchanging stories and best practices with Southampton UK Chaplain Rev. James Mosher. James and his wife, Shanti, were visiting James' father and stepmother in Fall River, NS and an open house was held. James grew up in Fall River and many of his friends and previous church members dropped by for a visit. It was great to make the connection as James had previously reached out to the Halifax Mission from Southampton to arrange a Christmas service for a vessel sailing from there to Halifax last Christmas season. This cooperation and collegiality is one of the strengths of the worldwide network of Missions to Seafarers. We wish James and Shanti a safe return to their home and look forward to their next visit.



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

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ROOF DAMAGE RENOVATIONS

It seems every spring we have facilities issues to contend with due to winter water damage. This year the torrential rains and high winds made it worse as repairing the kitchen roof had to be delayed.

On September 20th IN&O arrived at 4 p.m. along with our insurance adjuster to start the ceiling repairs in the kitchen. On Friday the kitchen was sealed off. The contractor removed a small portion of the ceiling for our insurance adjuster to inspect the scope of the damage. It became apparent that the whole of the ceiling had to be removed due to dampness and mold including all the blown in insulation. Saturday it became apparent that the mission would not reopen on Monday. However, a decision was made that by Wednesday Seafarers could access the main lounge only and the deck. Ship visiting continued each day.

Our property team took this opportunity to make improvements to the retail area, by relocating the product shelves to the wall adjacent to the beer fridge. Walls and paintwork were all cleaned, and the Covid screens were removed. While we have not tabulated the expense of these renovations, the process was significantly more costly than anticipated. Our insurance deductible is \$5000, so we will be reaching out for financial assistance to recoup the deductible and whatever else the insurance may not cover. KUDOS to Norman and Susan Picton, Bud and Carol Streeter who worked over 80 hours each and to James and Aurora Parsons for the long hours during a 2 week period to renovate. We are truly blessed.



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PRAYERFUL DECLARATIONS FOR TWO NEW PILOT BOATS

Deacon Art Mitchell and our Ship Welfare Visitor/Chaplain, Jason Flinn were invited to participate in the christening of the Atlantic Ash and Atlantic Maple naming ceremony. It was extra special for Deacon Art to greet an old friend, Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon (below centre) who was also a guest of Atlantic Towing and Svitzer for the ceremony. We are grateful for the



on-going support from Atlantic Towing. One might ask – what is a Pilot Boat? Halifax Marine Pilots utilize these Pilot Boats to guide vessels into the Port of Halifax.

Headquartered in Saint John, New Brunswick, and with offices in St. John's, Newfoundland, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Victoria, British Columbia, and Point Fortin, Trinidad and Tobago,



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Theodoor Van der Meer, Contract Manager, Svitzer, Chaplain Jason Flinn, Deacon Art Mitchell, Sheldon Lace, General Manager Atlantic Towing, Thibault Navereau Chief Operating Officer, SVITZER, Melanie Nadeau, Chief Operating Officer

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

When I was asked to attend the NAM-MA 2024 conference in New Jersey I was thrilled. When I was asked to present at the conference in the last session, I felt very honoured to be a part of the presentation panel. By the end of the week though, the feeling I had primarily was one of encouragement. It is extremely important to be encouraged when you are doing any kind of outreach work, because we need to be wholly ready to meet the seafarers we serve. We should gather ourselves and our resources to serve them as fully as possible. I was not fully aware of all the resources that were available to me before the conference. The growth in my understanding that we are a part of a global network of multi-denominational missions that serve seafarers has been both humbling and inspiring. At the conference I was

able to meet people from New Zealand, Australia, Italy, London, and many other places I've never been. The conversations I had with these individuals went deep. Being honest about the struggles that we all share in this work, dispelled the feeling of isolation, and created a perspective that I am also a part of a global family. This conference gave me perspective that staying connected to these people and organisations through various avenues works for the benefit of the seafarers. Something as seemingly routine as recording ship visits can be a powerful tool when the next Port Chaplain reads the report to better understand what next steps look like to support someone who is struggling. Mission to Seafarers Halifax has a strong community that I can lean on in my work. Learning we are all a part



of something bigger, something global, gives us all something to lean on. The ministry of presence is something I've been studying over the last year in pursuit of my Masters of Divinity. It has helped me to be more present in every conversation whether on board ships or at the mission. A global ministry of presence offers me an even bigger lens to look at the ships coming into the port of Halifax and a confidence in the network of resources I now know is there.

Jason Flinn, Ship Welfare Visitor/Chaplain

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MARY BROWNS DONATES TO SEPTEMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON!

A Special THANK YOU to Andrew Boutilier, owner of Mary Brown's Chicken, for donations of hamburger buns and single serve portions of ketchup and mustard. These items came from the Alma Crescent (Fairview) and Dentith Road (Spryfield) branches. D R Breton was the monthly sponsor. We are grateful for the port community support which helped to raise over \$2000. A SALUTE to our awesome team of volunteers who never cease to amaze!



Bud, Carol, Aurora, Max



Norman & Max



Lunch regulars Sharon, Paul & volunteer Joy



Carol & Aurora



Susan & Aurora

Our monthly luncheons are one of our major fund-raising activities. Our October luncheon of roast ham and baked beans was a great success. But our success would not have been possible without the help and support of our volunteers and supporters from the Marriott Waterfront Hotel here in Halifax. Members of their staff are shown with our volunteers in the kitchen. Our packing team are shown getting the lunches ready to go out the door.



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Nothing can stop Christmas! We continue to share with seafarers the joy and spirit of the holidays through gift-giving. The campaign is also our additional way of thanking our hidden heroes for their sacrifices and hard work. Seafarers deeply appreciate the presents they receive from people who care beyond their homes and families. We appreciate your on-going support for our shoebox initiative.

WHAT IS IN THE SHOEBOX:

- Hat/toque
- Scarf or neck warmer
- Gloves/mitts
- Socks
- Wrapped hard candy (no chocolate)
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Shampoo or body wash (maximum 350 ml)
- Shaving foam
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Lip Balm
- Playing cards
- Souvenir of Canada
- Pen/pencil
- Christmas card
- Tissues (small package)
- Comb

Please note that shampoos should be no larger than 375ml to fit into the shoebox gifts. The campaign will officially start after our November 21st Christmas Take-Out luncheon. Those who are interested in coming in to volunteer will be scheduled to be trained by Aurora, Susan or Carol. Friday team is already established. Please reach out to Aurora who will maintain the shoebox volunteer schedule by phone at 902-483-7362 or auroraulloaparsons@gmail.com or Helen directly. We will begin building shoeboxes on Monday, November 25th.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mission volunteer Norman Picton is shown in the company of Cobs' employees Ellie and Sakshi, as he made the regular second Friday pickup at Cobs. The delivery of Cobs bread to ships' crews visiting Halifax is a highlight for many seafarers. We thank Cobs and their employees for this wonderful donation. We have crew members visiting our mission regularly asking for cinnamon rolls and treats from Cobs! We are truly blessed with incredible community partnerships and volunteers who give up their Friday nights to pull this all together.



- November 9th MtS Car Rally
- November 19, 2024 6:30PM, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Tuesday Night Talk will feature Glenn Taylor will speak to MtS Halifax, Flying Under the Radar! Join us.
- November 21st Turkey TAKE OUT luncheon. \$20.00
- December 11th Annual Christmas Luncheon at Kenneth Rowe Hall, Pier 21. Book your table soon!

We are in desperate need of warm clothing, t-shirts, jackets, hoodies and suitcases for our Free Room. Please deliver clean items to 844 Marginal Road anytime between 9:30 and 5:00. Thanks.

MtS Halifax VOLUNTEERS - TRULY THE BACKBONE TO OUR MISSION

John Attersley
Bill Blackmore
Captain Jim Calvesbert
Rita Karsten
Reverend Andrew Cooke
Nancy Eisener
Carolyn Graham
Howard Gray

Maxime Gauvin
Palma Heming
James Kennedy
Dianne Lavoie-MacDonald
Joy MacDonnell
Deacon Art Mitchell
Michael Montgomery
Captain James Parsons

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Norman Picton
Captain Andrew Powell
Captain Peter Randall
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Caroline Scott
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