

Ship-Based Seafarers Welfare

We seek to meet the welfare needs of seafarers when shore-leave is not permitted

Covid-19 restrictions world-wide have seriously curtailed the freedom of seafarers to take shore-leave, and have also prevented them from returning home at the end of their contract periods.

Most seafarers arriving in New Zealand ports have not had shore-leave for four months or more.

Many crew-members have expired contracts, yet cannot sign-off and return home. A similar number cannot return to their life at sea and are thus denied an income.

As one seafarer put it—'We are going crazy on board'.

This enforced confinement has serious implications for the mental health of these essential workers.

Thus, there is a need to make welfare services, which are usually shore-based, now available on-board ship.



Ship Visiting

A welfare worker visits the ship, observing all Covid-19 protocols, to establish a welfare link to shore-based services



Free Wifi

The Mission provides, on request, a free SIM card and Unlimited-Data top-up, in order that a wireless-hotspot may be setup for crew-use



Shopping

The Mission assists with personal shopping, where items are not available through providors, and arranges delivery to the vessel. See over to start shopping.

Contacts

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Port of Tauranga

... ensures easy access to vessels for USM Welfare Workers



Harbour Pilots

... provide the ship's Master with details of welfare services and contacts

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in Port at 12:39 on 16 July 2020		
IMO	Ship	Built
9839088	SE Nicky	2018
9606015	Furness Portland	2013
9811921	Silver Oak	2018
9782015	Otago Bay	2017
9496226	Navios Celestial	💴 2009
9404613	Sofrana Tourville (Prev. Dora C)	2009
9614517	Shuntien	2013
9690913	Funing	2015
0251614	Olga Maarek	2003

Shipping Agents

... place welfare worker's name on Ship-Visitor lists, and communicate any crew needs to the welfare worker