

EURONAV RENEWS SUPPORT FOR SAILORS' SOCIETY



We know the wellbeing of crew has never been more important. Covid has imposed huge stress onto the maritime industry and the seafarers who keep it going. Human error accounts for 80% of all accidents at sea. Fatigue, stress, and depression on board do not just pose a threat to seafarers' mental health, but also to the effective running of a ship and the safety of its whole crew.

There are many reasons why people might decide to become a seafarer. Some choose a career at sea for the thrill of seeing the world, others take up the sailor's life purely to support their families. Whatever their background, seafarers can all face huge dangers in the course of their work. And when crisis hits, Sailors' Society's 24-7 Crisis Response Network is there for seafarers with trauma care and financial support.

International maritime welfare charity Sailors' Society has been supporting the world's seafarers and their families for more than 200 years, regardless of background, nationality, or faith. Their global network of chaplains, ship visitors and outreach staff work in 87 ports and 21 countries, giving the seafarers they meet free Wi-Fi to call home as well as lifts to the doctor or shops, welfare support and a listening ear when they need it. Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Sailors' Society chaplains have been supporting distraught seafarers across the world. Many thousands of miles from home, they are anxious and utterly powerless to help their families and have turned to the charity which offers mental health support and prayer (when asked) and provides Wi-Fi units so they can call loved ones.

Last year, Sailors' Society reached out to more than 115,000 seafarers through ship visiting and helped thousands more through projects like the distribution of Covid Care Kits to 26,000 seafarers and their family members in India, its health clinic in Jakarta and the build of new schools for seafaring communities in the Philippines and Myanmar.

At the end of June 2021, Sailors' Society launched a unique Wellness at Sea Awareness Campaign to help seafarers and their families, as well as shore staff, understand how they can manage their own wellbeing and offer access to free support, advice, and counselling. Based on its pioneering Wellness at Sea programme, more than 60 companies signed up to the campaign, benefitting thousands.

Sailors' Society is committed to helping meet the welfare and wellbeing needs of seafarers and their families. Euronav recognises its importance and has supported Sailors' Society since 2016. In 2021 we committed to this for a further four years starting in 2022.

<https://www.globalmaritimeforum.org/content/2020/12/The-Neptune-Declaration-on-Seafarer-Wellbeing-and-Crew-Change.pdf>

Both Euronav and Sailors' Society are signatories to the Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Change.

Euronav recognises that crew wellbeing is vitally important and wholeheartedly supports the work that Sailors' Society is doing. In addition to our corporate partnership with Sailors' Society, if you are interested in lending your personal support to the charity, there are plenty of ways to get involved.

For example you could run your own fundraiser or sign up for a Sailors' Society team place in a challenge event such as the London Marathon or Virtual London Marathon (www.sailors-society.org/events).

To find out more and get involved, go to: www.sailors-society.org