

Asunto: DAY OF THE SEAFARER: 25th JUNE 2021

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To: FONASBA Members

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Dear All,

As mentioned in Newsletter 52, next Friday, 25th June, is the **Day of the Seafarer**, the one day when, even if they do not do so at any other time, everyone should have our seafaring colleagues in the front of their minds, especially now when they are suffering significantly because of the COVID pandemic. Concerted, and successful, actions by the international maritime community last year in raising awareness of the plight of seafarers stranded (or effectively imprisoned) on their vessels because of travel bans, cut the number of crewmembers awaiting repatriation from 400,000 to 200,000. Unfortunately, this been severely set back in recent months by the emergence of new strains of COVID, increased travel bans and the difficulty in securing vaccinations for crew members. Whilst some countries, notably the USA and the Netherlands, have been active in putting vaccination programmes in place, and other countries are acting as crew change hubs, the situation for our seagoing colleagues worldwide (without whom none of us would have jobs!) remains bleak.

Next Friday, ships in port are being invited to sound their horns at 12.00 noon local time to raise awareness of the current situation. Pictures of the events, plus other related media, are being shared on social media using the hashtag [#ShoutOutForSeafarers](#). All FONASBA member associations are encouraged to support this campaign by working with local shipowner, port, and other industry sectors to encourage the sounding of ship horns and by spreading the word on social media and elsewhere. FONASBA already has posts on both its Facebook and LinkedIn pages and will be repeating them next Friday. The International Chamber of Shipping has produced a video to publicise the Day and are encouraging associations to distribute it widely. It can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/549298838>. The embed code, for anyone that wishes to post the video on their website can be found by clicking on the "Share" button on the video.

Thanks in advance for your support of our seafaring colleagues.

Best regards,

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