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CIRCULAR #FairFuture4Seafarers

We celebrate the Day of the seafarer

This year, the annual Day of the Seafarer will be celebrated again 25 June. This year's theme year is: "#FairFuture4Seafarers"

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The Day of the Seafarer was established in a resolution adopted by the 2010 Diplomatic Conference in Manila to adopt the revised STCW Convention. Its stated purpose is to recognize the unique contribution made by seafarers from all over the world to international seaborne trade, the world economy and civil society as a whole.

The resolution encourages Governments, shipping organizations, companies, shipowners and all other parties concerned to duly and appropriately promote the Day of the Seafarer and take action to celebrate it meaningfully. The Day of the Seafarer is recognized by the United Nations as an observance day.

2021 campaign - Fair Future for Seafarers

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers found themselves both on the front line of the global response and subject to difficult working conditions surrounding uncertainties and difficulties around port access, re-supply, crew changeovers, repatriation, etc.

In light of this, the 2020 Day of the Seafarer campaign focused its message around urging governments to recognize seafarers as key workers and ease travel restrictions for them to facilitate crew changes.

The 2021 Day of the Seafarer campaign will continue to encourage governments to support seafarers amid the pandemic but will expand its message, calling for a **fair future for seafarers**.

The campaign will discuss issues that will still be relevant to seafarers after the pandemic, such as fair treatment of seafarers, fair working conditions (in line with ILO's Maritime Labour Convention), fair training, fair safety, etc.

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim has himself issued a moving personal message to seafarers everywhere which continues to encourage governments to support seafarers amid the pandemic but also expands its message, calling for a fair future for seafarers. Click on the video below to watch the full message of the IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim.



Campaign features

[#FairFuture4Seafarers](#) will be the hashtag for the campaign.

Seafarers themselves can use the hashtag to voice their position on what a fairer future for seafarers includes and looks like.

Support organizations can also join in and use the hashtag to demonstrate how they support seafarers and what they hope for a fairer future. Shipping companies and port organizations are also invited to show their appreciation for seafarers. All IMO's social media platforms will be featured but Twitter, Facebook and Instagram will account for most activity.



Act now

Dromon is encouraging everyone to get involved in the campaign. You can start spreading the message through social media using the campaign hashtag [#FairFuture4Seafarers](#).

