



*Welfare marittimo
ieri, oggi e domani...*

Fr. Bruno Ciceri
Apostleship of the Sea International
(Dicastery for Promoting Human Integral Development)

The Seafarers' Trust

The Seafarers' Trust, a UK charity established in 1981, funds programmes that advance the wellbeing of maritime workers, seafarers and their families.

It is funded by the Trust's own capital funds, and by the investment income of the Welfare Fund at the *International Transport Workers Federation*, with over 4.6 million worker members.

The Trust, is limited to supporting projects, which directly benefit individual seafarers' spiritual, moral or physical welfare.



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Seafarers' Trust
We Put Seafarers First

% of investment income



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Seafarers' International Assistance, Welfare and Protection Fund \$\$\$



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ITF/Union CBAs made with shipowners



Governance & Funding

The Seafarers' Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees, that are responsible for setting the Trust's strategy, ensuring it fulfils its objectives, and that good governance is carried out.

The Trust Deed makes provision for a minimum of five Trustees and a maximum of nine. David Heindel is the Chairperson of the Trust.

The Head of Trust is responsible to the Trustees for the daily operation of the Trust.



Trustees & Patron



Dave Heindel
Chair of the ITF Seafarers' Trust, Chair of the ITF Seafarers' Section and Secretary-Treasurer of Seafarers' International Union (SIU)



Stephen Cotton
ITF General Secretary



Paddy Crumlin
ITF President, Chair of the ITF Dockers' Section and National Secretary of Maritime Union of Australia (MUA)



Lars Lindgren
1st Vice Chair of ITF Dockers' Section and President of Svenska Transportarbetareförbundet (ST)



Brian Orrell OBE
Former General Secretary of I lautilus UK and former Chairperson of the ITF Seafarers' Section and the Trust



Abdulgani Serang
General Secretary and Treasurer of National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI)



Jacqueline Smith
ITF Maritime Coordinator



Thimio Mitropoulos
Patron and former Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)





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We are delighted to announce that Katie Higginbottom has been appointed as the new Head of the ITF Seafarers' Trust.

Katie brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Trust, having worked for the ITF for 13 years, most recently as Projects and Campaigns Leader in the Maritime section.



Vision & Strategy

Our vision is to be the leader in promoting and improving the wellbeing of maritime workers worldwide.

Our strategy for 2015-2019 focuses on funding four current campaign themes:

- **Ports of Call** – Seafarers have little time in ports and it is normally a busy time. The Trust ensures that services and facilities are provided in many of the world's ports by granting towards vehicles to transport the seafarers, by providing capital costs of drop-in centres and seafarers' centres.
- **Horizons** – Raising the standards of welfare on board ships during work and rest (leisure) times. These programmes include health, safety, nutrition, and FUN.
- **Beyond the Blue** – Initiatives targeting seafarers' home environment, including social work, scholarships, and micro finance.
- **SeaChange** – Working as a catalyst on social normative change. This includes research, conferences and promotion of seafarers' welfare in the wider community.



Vehicle Replacement Programme (VRP)

Once the survey is complete, we will be able to invite some Centre to apply to replace their vehicle for the Autumn session in 2018 and we will use the same data for the Spring and Autumn session of the VRP in 2019.

Funds are limited, so just some of the survey's participants will be invited to apply.

Completion of the survey does not constitute an application to the ITF Seafarers' Trust, nor does it guarantee future funding for a vehicle.

Nevertheless, your cooperation in completing this survey will help the Trust to more effectively and equitably distribute its funds and will ultimately lead to the improvement of seafarers' welfare worldwide.

According to the information provided in the survey,

The Trust will be then able to choose the vehicles that need to be replaced more urgently.

The deadline to take part in the survey is the **3rd of July 2018**.

To participate in this survey, please use this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VRP2018>



Seafarers' Emergency Fund (SEF)

The Seafarers Emergency Fund (SEF) has been set up by both The TK Foundation and the ITF Seafarers' Trust, administered by ISWAN.

The Fund provides immediate, essential aid to seafarers and families of seafarers, who are directly involved in sudden and unforeseen crises. This Fund is available to seafarer welfare organizations and other welfare organizations to provide the means to purchase goods and/or services for seafarers and/or the spouse or children of seafarers to relieve the need(s) brought on in relation with a sudden and unforeseen crisis.

The minimum grant available is \$250.00 USD whilst the maximum grant available is \$5,000 USD.

<http://seafarerswelfare.org/relief-funds/how-to-apply-to-the-seafarers-emergency-fund>



Portable Communication Pods



It is a portable 20ft container boxes providing seafarers with access to Wi-Fi, tablet consoles and furniture to rest. As the centres will be powered by solar panels, the centres will be both energy efficient and viable in areas lacking in existing infrastructure (where possible, the centres can also be connected to a mains power supply).



Onboard Online: Improving Port Connectivity

With smartphones now seemingly everywhere and with super fast broadband available at the flick of a switch, we have become accustomed to reliable internet connectivity. For many seafarers this is simply not the case given the lack of internet connection on board ships and in ports. The lack of reliable internet provision can cause isolation whilst at sea, creating quite serious wellbeing issues for the seafarers concerned.

This is the main reason that the Trust is now trying to improve seafarers' connectivity through a pilot project aptly called, Onboard Online.



Shore Leave

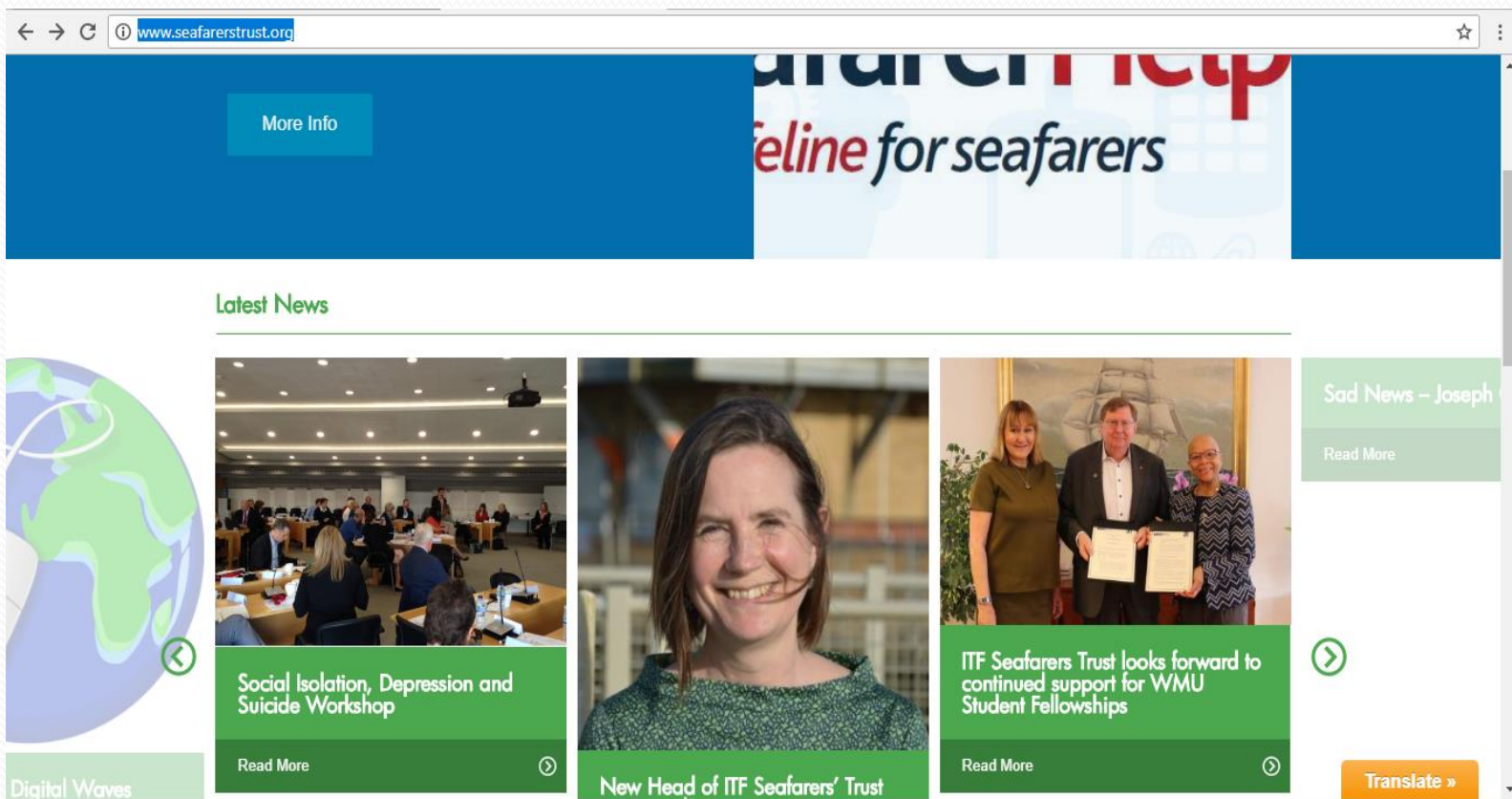
was first launched in 2014 and it was actually the very first app specifically developed for seafarers. The idea was to collect all the seafarers' centres contact details in an app, knowing that most seafarers cannot rely on an internet connection.

The app, once downloaded, was and still is functioning offline. All the contacts are stored in seafarers' phones and easily accessible at any time, so that they can always call for a bus to give them a ride to the seafarers' centre, mall or nearby city.



Free download from Android and iPhone.





<http://www.seafarerstrust.org/>



The TK Foundation

a private grant making foundation supporting non-profit maritime and youth development programs

The TK Foundation's mission is to enabling disadvantaged youth to succeed and promoting maritime education and safety.

We fulfill this legacy by investing in programs that:

- Enable disadvantaged youth to maximize their capabilities through pathways such as education, training, and life skills with a view to becoming self-sufficient;
- Promote knowledge of the seas and oceans, and strengthen maritime safety and security for the betterment of all.



Port levies system

Port levies for welfare are one way of providing sustainable funding for seafarers' centres, ship visiting, and other welfare services ashore.

The Maritime Labour Convention (MLC, 2006) protects the welfare, living and employment conditions of seafarers all over the world.

The MLC's guidelines include, "levies or special dues from shipping sources" to pay for port welfare facilities.

A number of ports around the world, however, already operate welfare levies on a voluntary or compulsory basis, and many to good effect.



Port levies and sustainable welfare for seafarers



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Others sources of financial support for AOS

- Annual collection during Sea Sunday (second Sunday of July)??
- CEI
- Diocese
- Private banks and Foundation
- Shipping companies
- Private donors
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