

Mission

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In response to the needs of the seafarers, people from all walks of life and religious affiliations in our surrounding community help to ensure that our mission is accomplished through their volunteerism, contributions and participation. The dedication of our chaplain and volunteers touches the lives of thousands of seafarers with a commitment to personal, practical and spiritual assistance.

Working closely with the United States Coast Guard, shipping agencies, and other regulatory arms, the center provides advocacy for all merchant mariners from around the world to ensure that seafarers’ rights and dignity are preserved without regard for interfaith and cultural backgrounds. Our chaplain and volunteers assist thousands of mariners each year, offering a hand of friendship and pastoral care. They also provide practical services like; gifts from local churches, personal items, calling cards, internet and cellular phones to connect with loved ones at home.

The Center offers many volunteer opportunities for your church or organization including ministry, fundraising, meal preparation, transportation and more. Contact us today for more information.

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Customers

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round-the-clock profession. Away from the support of their local communities, the Seafarers' Center gives mariners a place to feel "at home." The Center offers a warm welcome. Our chaplain and volunteers also meet mariners right where they work—aboard cargo ships and on the vessels that travel the Sabine-Neches Waterway and the Gulf of Mexico.

Goal

The goal of the Seafarers' Center of Beaumont is to meet the needs of the seafarers who visit the ports all along the Sabine-Neches Waterway. Our goal is to make their time in port a rewarding one by providing personal, practical and spiritual assistance. A warm welcome is extended to ease the pain of loneliness and isolation and to offer a respite from the hazards of the sea.

History

The Seafarers Center of Beaumont, a 501(c) (3) non-profit, opened its doors and hearts to mariners arriving in Beaumont in 1972. Founded by a diverse group of individuals from the maritime and religious communities, and sponsored in part by the Port of Beaumont, the Center was designed as a non-denominational mission dedicated to offering all seafarers arriving along the Sabine-Neches Waterway with a haven from the isolation of life aboard a merchant vessel.

Bullet Points:

- Located inside the Port of Beaumont
- Offering a hand of friendship & pastoral care to seafarers
- Services offered aboard vessels
- Escort service available to the Center
- Touching the lives of thousands

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Services & Ministry

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Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, federally mandated port security regulations dramatically changed and often prohibit seafarers from leaving their ship; so once again, our volunteers have risen to the challenge of assisting mariners by providing them services aboard their vessel or by escort services to the center located within the Port of Beaumont. In response to the Center and the needs of the seafarers, people from all walks of life and religious affiliations in our surrounding community help to ensure that our mission is accomplished through their volunteerism, contributions and participation. The dedication of our chaplain and volunteers touches the lives of thousands of seafarers with a commitment to personal, practical and spiritual assistance.

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