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****Join Our Crew: Volunteer Opportunities Await!****

By: Executive Director Christine Lassiter

Dear Friends,

There are times in life when we all could use a helping hand from a stranger. A gesture as simple as opening a door or assisting with groceries can make a world of difference. At the Seamen's Center of Wilmington, we understand the power of lending a helping hand, and we're reaching out to our community for support.

Sadly, some of our longstanding volunteers are facing health challenges that have led them to reluctantly reduce their hours or retire from their roles. We are deeply grateful for their dedication over the years as they look to pass the baton to other caring individuals who share a desire to make a positive impact.

Our volunteers are the heartbeat of our volunteer driven organization, with many dedicating 15 or more years to supporting mariners in need. Take Sue Martin, for example, who has been actively involved with SCW for an impressive 30 out of the 34 years our center has been open. Sue's commitment speaks volumes about the rewarding experiences our volunteers encounter every day—meeting and assisting strangers in unfamiliar surroundings. SCW and our volunteers are the lifeline between ship and shore for these hard working individuals.



We invite you to consider joining our friendly crew! Whether you have a passion for helping others, a desire to connect with diverse communities, or simply want to give back, there's a place for you here. Visiting our center will provide a firsthand look at our mission and the meaningful work we do.

To learn more about becoming a volunteer, please call us today at (302) 575-1300, view our website: <https://www.scwde.org/scw-volunteers.html#/> or scan the QR Code below.

Your support can make a world of difference to those we serve, and together, we can continue to extend a helping hand to those in need.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in your community.
The Crew at SCW





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Like Gardening?

SCW is proud of our welcoming landscape.

Please consider volunteering at the Center to help keep the flowers blooming.

For Info, Call 575-1300 or email scw@scwde.org



Coming Events:

**Annual Tug Cruise:
Saturday, June 8 (5:30-8:00).
Hurry it is selling out.**

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts "Raise the Shed" fundraiser – Eagle Scout Project

**Last Bash of Summer –
Fall Fundraiser:
Tuesday, September 10, 2024.**

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On behalf of all of us at the Seamen's Center of Wilmington and all the seafarers we welcome to Delaware, thank you to our generous supporters who donated during the DoMore24DE Campaign for FILLING OUR TANKS!

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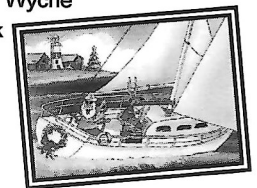
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The generosity demonstrated through donations of hats, scarves, toiletries, and various items plays a pivotal role in our ability to remember over 1,200 seafarers every December. This significant impact wouldn't be achievable without the steadfast support of individuals, churches, civic associations, and companies across our community.

We extend our gratitude to each and every one of our contributors for their invaluable contributions. Please note that if your donation was received after Christmas, it might have been reserved for the following year's efforts.

****SCW Helps Family Reunite: Muktar's Joyful Family Visit****



Muktar pictured on the left.

In the bustling port of Wilmington, amidst the comings and goings of ships laden with cargo, one seafarer's journey stood out recently. The Seamen's Center helped to facilitate an extraordinary family reunion between Muktar, a 1st Officer on the M/V CS Celeste, and his family located in Baltimore, MD. This reunion truly warmed the hearts of all who witnessed it.

Hailing from Ethiopia, Muktar had traversed oceans to fulfill his duties aboard the M/V CS Celeste, which had brought nitrates to the Port of Wilmington in Delaware. But what made this stopover remarkable was the arrival of Muktar's relatives from Baltimore to whisk him away for a brief but memorable family reunion. Muktar's next port of call was Baltimore, but other obligations would not permit the family to see him while at that much closer port.

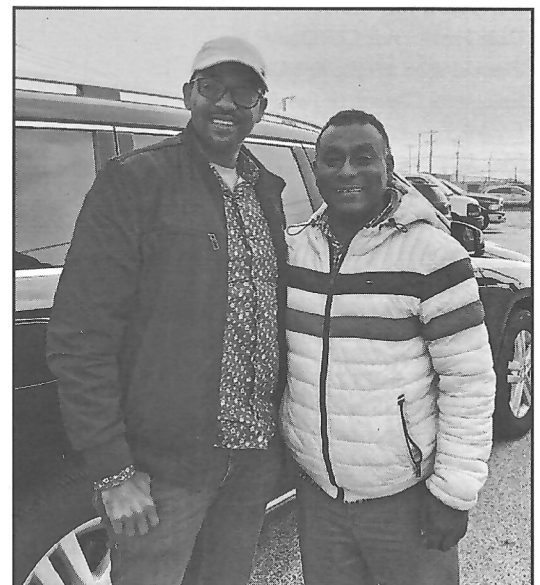
Muktar pictured on the left. Driven by love and determination, Muktar's relatives embarked on a journey to Wilmington, eager to embrace him after his long stint at sea. Their reunion was short-lived, however, as the ship's imminent departure meant Muktar had to return early the next morning.

Despite the fleeting nature of their time together, Muktar's joy was palpable upon his return from Baltimore. With a sparkle in his eyes, he recounted how his relatives had prepared all his favorite Ethiopian dishes, creating a warm and familiar atmosphere that he cherished deeply.

For Muktar, those precious hours spent with his family were a source of immense happiness and rejuvenation. Though separated by the demands of the sea and the obligations of seafaring life, the bond of family remained unbreakable, igniting a sense of joy and gratitude that resonated within him and those around him.

In a world marked by constant motion and separation, Muktar's story serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring power of familial love and the profound joy that comes from even the briefest moments spent together. As he set sail once more, Muktar carried with him the warmth of his family's embrace, fueling his spirit on the journey ahead.

The Seamen's Center of Wilmington is proud to have played a small part in facilitating this heartwarming reunion. It is moments like these that remind us of the importance of human connection and the profound impact it can have on our lives.



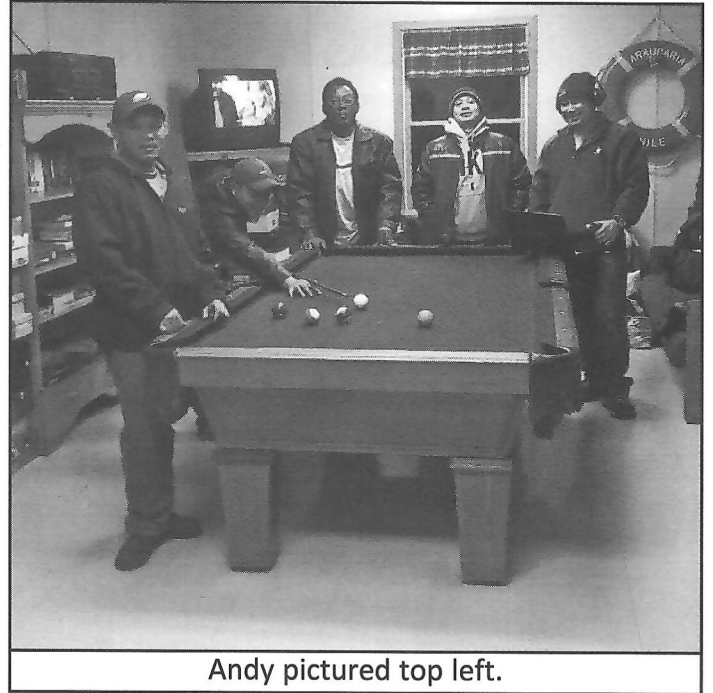
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Reconnecting with Memories: A Seafarer's Return to the Seamen's Center of Wilmington after 13 years

Jose Andrin "Andy" Amancio, a seafarer from the M/V AS Camellia container ship, recently returned to SCW after a 13-year hiatus. Andy used to frequent the Port of Wilmington and the Seamen's Center when he was a crewmember on a Chiquita fruit ship.

As he was signing in on an afternoon in March, he opened his phone and shared a photo of him and friends in the pool room from 13 years ago. Andy fondly reminisced with SCW volunteer Linda Lawyer as he recalled the time at the center and praised the Center and volunteers as the best he has encountered anywhere. Accompanied by SCW volunteer driver Lew Dorsey, Andy and his fellow shipmates visited Walmart, grateful for the hospitality they received from the SCW volunteers so eager to help them.

To all seafarers, the Seamen's Center of Wilmington extends a warm invitation to return and reconnect with old memories. SCW volunteers' commitment to welcoming seafarers from around the world remains steadfast, ensuring a supportive and safe haven for those who traverse the seas.



Andy pictured top left.

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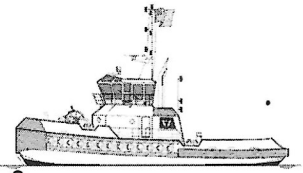
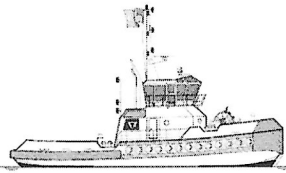
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Andy pictured on the right.



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Saturday, June 8, 2024

Guests arrive at the Port of Wilmington by 17:30

~ Leave the Dock promptly at 18:15 ~ Return to the Dock promptly at 19:30

Wine, beer and light hors d'oeuvres included

\$100.00 per person

Capacity is limited to 80 passengers

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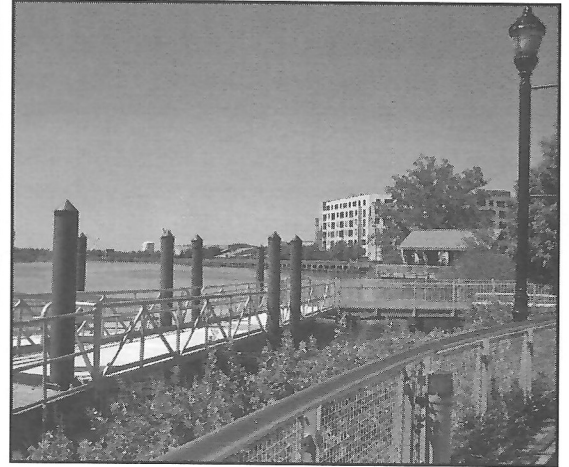
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**Last Bash of
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4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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The mission of the Seamen's Center of Wilmington, Inc., is to meet the needs of the seafarers who visit the Ports in the State of Delaware. The 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.