



Our Mission

The Seamen's Center of Wilmington is dedicated to meeting the needs of the seafarers who visit ports in Delaware — those who crew the ships bringing the fruit, electronics, automobiles, and other products so critical to our quality of life. SCW's goal is to make their very limited time in port rewarding by providing personal, practical, and spiritual assistance to these often-forgotten individuals.

Who We Are And What We Do

Designed as a non-denominational, volunteer-driven, charitable mission, SCW opened its doors and hearts to mariners on January 1, 1990.

We provide a warm welcome to ease the pain of loneliness and isolation and to offer a respite from the hazards of the sea.

SCW touches the lives of mariners in so many ways. First, we help them make the most of their much-needed shore leave: seafarers enjoy the Center facilities, use free WiFi, play sports/games, watch TV, or read. Or if the seafarers have more time, our drivers take them where they need to go.



SCW also helps with medical emergencies, advocates for fair and safe treatment, and visits ships to tend to mariners without visas who are therefore denied shore leave.

Volunteers and Their Duties



Help welcome seafarers from all over the world! A smiling face and warm greeting are the best gifts we give. Serve as host and assist seafarers with making telephone calls and using Center amenities, coordinate transportation, and run the ship's store. Drivers provide the federally mandated escort from ship to our Center and take mariners outside the port. Various shifts are available – training is provided. SCW asks for a commitment of two shifts of three to four hours per month.

What You Receive

- ✓ Helping those who have nowhere else to turn
- ✓ Learning about cultures all over the world
- ✓ Sharing seafarers' important personal moments
- ✓ Being part of a new community
- ✓ Friendships & smiles galore!



Special Note on Security

The Seamen's Center of Wilmington is located within the Port of Wilmington, which is regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard. As a result, each volunteer must pass a TSA security background check and obtain a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card. The Center reimburses the cost of the card.

Info/Questions?

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