Christmas-at-Sea

A Holiday Initiative of

Seafarers International House

Spread the Joy of Christmas amongst seafarers!

90% of global trade is transported on the world's oceans by crew members on container ships who remain invisible to most people, yet our supply chains depend on their services and sacrifice of being at sea for six to nine months. It is an exhausting and lonely job. We invite you, your business, school group or congregation to **spread holiday cheer among those who will not be with their loved ones.** Our port chaplains will deliver satchels filled with gifts from you. Mariners regardless of their faith or nationality will receive satchels filled with:

- One Sweatshirt – hooded or unhooded (size M-L)
- Three Pairs of Socks – thermal or gym
- One T- Shirt (size M-L)
- One Knitted Winter Cap (coordinating scarf optional; no pastels please),
- One Can of Nuts, Large Bar of Chocolate, or Healthy Snack Bar
- A Holiday or Christmas card from YOU!

You pick the colors, styles, and brands, but please no substitutions from the list. **For the safety of seafarers, please do not add fringes or pom-poms** to the hats and scarves. The Christmas-at-Sea satchels should be comparable for each member of the crew.

Please assemble each satchel with sweatshirts and T-shirts of the same size and **label the satchel with a M or L** on the back side.

All links including to General Instructions, Patterns, and how to participate are easily accessible on our web page: use the QR code or visit https://www.sihnyc.org/

If it is more convenient, **you may donate** and we purchase the items for you. A filled satchel costs about $40. Or you may order items for seafarers on Amazon on the Christmas-at-Sea wish list: https://a.co/bHHEzEZ . If ordering from Amazon, please send us an email after ordering so that we can acknowledge your gift.

If you are a **Thrivent** client, you may apply for **$250 in seed money for your Christmas-at-Sea team** at www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams

To order empty satchels and to coordinate delivery or pick up, please contact:
Jeni Janis at jeni@sihnyc.org or (212) 677-4800 ext. 7218.

Filled satchels may also be mailed by Tuesday, December 1, 2026, to:

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