



## Fast Facts about Seafarer's Friend

### Mission Statement

Seafarer's Friend comes alongside the maritime community with *Friendship, Faith, and Hospitality*

### Overview

Founded and incorporated in 1827 in Boston as *The Boston Seaman's Friend Society*

Governed by Board Directors of up to 12 members

Chaplains in three ports:

- o Boston, MA – Ralph L. Garrett Seafarers Center
- o Portsmouth, NH – Chaplain Office only
- o Portland, ME – Chaplain Office only
- o Also visiting ships in Salem, MA, and soon Searsport, ME

Staff and Volunteers

- o Leadership: Executive Director and 2 Mission Directors
- o Office Manager
- o 9 Chaplains visiting and transporting seafarers
- o *Hundreds* of volunteers throughout New England and many placed through the US knitting hats, providing ditty bags, magazines, and puzzles

### Services Offered

Chaplain services

- o Compassionate Conversation
- o Liturgy and Prayer
- o Counsel and Guidance
- o Bibles and Devotional Material given as requested
- o Crisis Ministry

Hospitality

Friendly, Caring, Listening Presence

Information about each area

Advocacy or Mediation to improve relationships between crew or with port personnel

Phones and phone cards, especially for detained seafarers

Transport to area shops

Internet access, phones, and activities at the center

Puzzles, magazines, books, DVDs, warm clothing, ditty bags containing personal items

Mentored ministry/internships for seminary students

Chaplain-for-a-Day; an experience of growth and learning for church leaders

### Professional Associations

North American Maritime Ministry Association

Propeller Clubs of Boston, Portsmouth, Portland

Denominations supporting the ministry include Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, as well as many individual congregations.

### Statistics for 2008

	<b>Boston</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Ships Visited	935	446	239	<b>1620</b>
Contacts	8500	4063	2427	<b>14990</b>
Seafarers Transport	3850	740	141	<b>4731</b>
Van trips	1100	232	62	<b>1394</b>