



FLY THE RED ENSIGN

FOR MERCHANT NAVY DAY
3rd SEPTEMBER 2021

Fly the Red Ensign is The Seafarers' Charity's annual campaign to honour the brave men and women who kept the UK afloat during both World Wars and celebrate our dependence on modern-day merchant seafarers who are responsible for more than 90% of the UK's imports.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a tragic impact on Merchant Navy communities, and many continue to need urgent support.

This Merchant Navy Day, 3rd of September, fly the Red Ensign to remember the sacrifices of the often forgotten and invisible Merchant Navy community.

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Merchant Navy Fund, administered by The Seafarers' Charity, is a collaborative initiative set up in 2012 by The Seafarers' Charity (formerly Seafarers UK) and Merchant Navy Welfare Board to exclusively support UK Merchant Navy seafarers.

Each year, the Fund awards grants to support the UK Merchant Navy veterans, current merchant seafarers, and their dependants.

Thanks to our generous supporters, to-date the Fund was able to support vital research and award grants to maritime welfare charities totalling £700,000.

THIS YEAR TO-DATE, THE FUND AWARDED:

£7,000 to Not Forgotten Association

to improve the health and wellbeing of 300 Merchant Navy veterans suffering loneliness and isolation.

£15,000 to Shipwrecked Mariners Society

to support the provision of an increasing request of emergency grants following the coronavirus pandemic, for Merchant Navy seafarers and their dependents in real poverty.

£15,000 to Sailor's Childrens' Society

to support children and young people from Merchant Navy families on low incomes to help with essentials such as school uniforms, winter clothes, educational equipment and more.



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HOW TO TAKE PART



Everyone is welcome to get involved and help raise awareness of Merchant Navy seafarers by flying a Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day, Friday 3rd September 2021.



Register to let us know you are taking part in the campaign and to receive your certificate of participation by the end of October. We will also keep you updated on how to take part on social media on the day. Social media toolkit will be provided in August.

<http://bit.ly/MerchantNavyDay21-TakePart>



Look out for the details on how to get involved with fundraising for this year's campaign! More information will be available in August.

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Red Ensigns and merchandise are available to purchase in a wide range of sizes from Hampshire Flag Company, our selected supplier. Order your flag at www.hampshireflag.co.uk

If you have any questions about the Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day campaign, please email mnfund@theseafarerscharity.org.

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