



Port of Tilbury (London) Ltd.

Notice to Mariners – No. 2 of 2014

Tilbury Seafarers Centre, Port accredited Chaplains and Ship Visitors.

The Port of Tilbury actively supports and sponsors an **Ecumenical Seafarers Centre** in the port area, situated close to the main port entrance and port facilities block. The Centre, a not for profit charity, is open daily to provide welfare, comfort and shelter for seafarers visiting the port. In addition to a small bar, TV lounge and cafe, the Centre at Tilbury assists seafarers to phone or Skype their families around the world. The Centre also operates a bus service within the port area and from other terminals on the Lower Thames, meeting and transporting the seafarers in safety from gangway to the Centre or onto Asda or Lakeside.

A number of seafarers depend upon the services offered by the **Port Chaplains** who are based at the Centre and who visit every ship in the port on a regular basis. Whilst the Port Chaplains are drawn from the various Christian denominations, the Chaplains primary role is for seafarer's welfare, not religious or evangelical. They also have established links and work with the many other 'faiths', located in the East London area, Kent and Essex.

Based from the Centre, the Chaplains and 'lay-staff', who are all qualified by the Merchant Navy Welfare Board - Ship Visitors scheme, are able to co-ordinate ship visits, operating an effective duty rota to regularly visit vessels at a convenient time, ensuring that the Master and crew are not inundated with unwanted visitors and undertaking a correct welfare input in accordance with the agreed ICMA Code of Conduct under which maritime missions should operate.

The following Port Chaplains and Lay-staff are currently accredited to the Centre and are authorised by the port to visit vessels in accordance with the ISPS code;

The Port Chaplains;

Deacon Paul Glock,
Chaplain Wojciech Hulub,
Rev. John Attenborough,
Deacon Joern Hille.

Centre Bus Drivers;

Garry Tarling,
John Deans.

Volunteers, ship visitors;

John Finn,
Sister Teresa Crofton,
Ray Paranaque and;
Mrs Lyn Watts – Seafarers Centre Manager.

For further information or clarification, please contact the Port of Tilbury London Ltd, Marine & Cruise Manager: Captain Richard Exley, telephone 01375 852369.

Web site – <http://www.centresforseafarers.org/tilbury/>

Captain Geoff Holland
Harbour Master.
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It should be noted that all Telephone calls, VHF R/T traffic and CCTV images are recorded at the Marine Office, Lock side. RM18 7EH