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Maritime Mountain Race



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Statement of Intent

Uniting the maritime community, our first-ever European fundraising challenge will see 30 teams tackle a demanding one-day hike or run through the stunning Swiss Alps, with the option to choose between the 11 km “**Lighthouse**” and 16 km “**Sails & Summit**” trails.

Each team will raise a minimum of **USD\$ 5,000**. Funds raised from teams and via corporate sponsorship will directly support frontline welfare services for seafarers in need across our global network of over 200 ports.

Whether expanding ship-visiting services, bolstering chaplaincy in remote ports, or enhancing seafarers’ centres, funds will be allocated to ensure the greatest impact and enable the expansion of our vital work.

Thank you for your personal commitment to our mission. Every penny raised enables us to reach more seafarers working in some of the most isolated and challenging environments around the world.

Allocation of Funds

UK Seafarer Centre Refurbishment

Following consultation with the seafarers we support in Newport, our centre is entering its final phase of refurbishment to ensure it continues to provide a supportive and welcoming haven that meets their specific needs. With major structural work complete, new investment will enable the delivery of essential interior upgrades and modern heating systems. The installation of solar panels and modern insulation will not only future-proof the building but also enable it to operate efficiently and with environmental sensitivity.



Piraeus

Our work in Piraeus is at a foundational stage. As one of the busiest maritime hubs in Europe, the potential here is significant; however, with only one staff member and limited infrastructure, immediate funding is needed to provide essential support to seafarers. Building local capacity through the establishment of a coordination centre will enable us to expand ship visits and establish a stronger presence, increasing the scope of our welfare services and providing simple, practical items —SIM cards, snacks, toiletries, and seasonal gifts—that make a profound difference to life at sea.

Dubai

As we continue to develop our model for operations in the UAE, we are looking to fund a specialist chaplain with expertise in justice and welfare. This appointment will provide advice and support to seafarers facing labour-related risks, including cases of abandonment and rights violations. Additional capacity is essential to meet rising demand for support in this key maritime region.

Poti and Batumi - Georgia

In Poti, Georgia, immediate investment is crucial to develop essential infrastructure and provide basic supplies that directly support crews, including SIM cards to connect them with loved ones, basic toiletries and hygiene products, and gifts that show they are remembered and valued. Over the next five years, our vision is to broaden our operations, increase the number of trained ship visitors and volunteer drivers, and provide a dedicated space for seafarers to gather. A centre of operations is crucial to the success of this vision. Early funding will lay the foundation for this vital growth.



Mombassa Centre Repairs

The Mission to Seafarers' Mombassa centre, a vital lifeline for seafarers since 1921, is in urgent need of refurbishment. In 2024 alone, more than 1,500 seafarers visited the centre, with a further 1,400 transported there, demonstrating the continued demand and importance of this facility. Investment is now critical to secure its future. Key priorities include repairing damage to entrance areas, replacing asbestos roofing materials, and installing solar panels to ensure long-term support for East Africa's maritime community.



Investment in Operational Efficiencies

Strategic investment across The Mission to Seafarers will allow us to better connect with seafarers, anticipate needs, and deliver timely help in moments of crisis. Efficient, targeted support is essential to seafarer welfare. The expansion of our resources and capabilities will directly translate into greater reach, ensuring more seafarers receive critical care and life-changing support when it's needed most.



Training for Frontline Staff

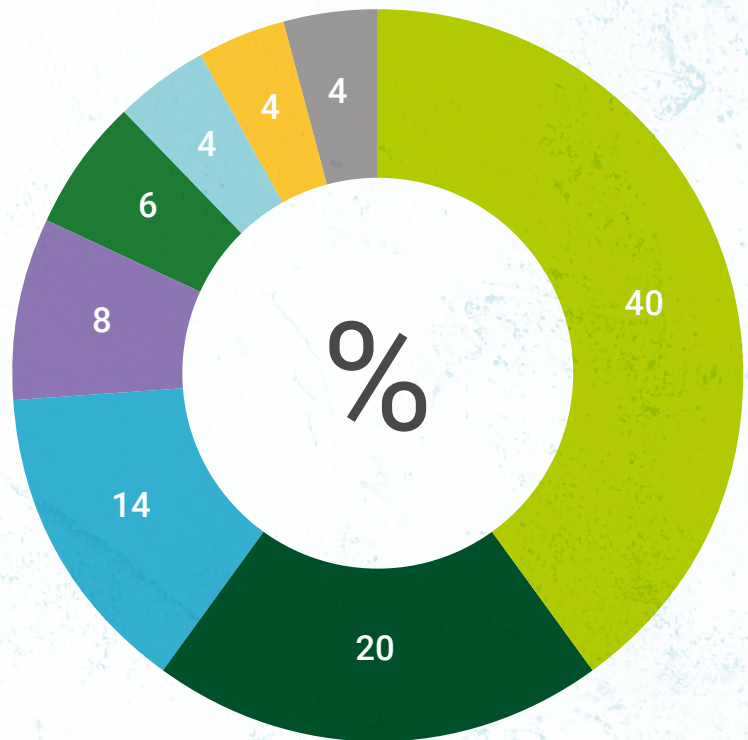
Critical Incident and Stress Management (CISM) training is a cornerstone of our work in safeguarding seafarers' welfare. This specialised training equips our staff and volunteers with the skills to provide effective support to seafarers facing trauma, stress, or crisis situations. The most recent course was delivered in the Africa Region in July 2025, with strong engagement and demonstrable impact. Strategic planning and investment will enable the expansion of this training to East Asia, MESA, and the Americas, helping us achieve global coverage.



Your help is crucial in combating loneliness and mental health issues that can arise from life at sea. The Mission to Seafarers is dedicated to ensuring all seafarers feel heard, have the opportunity to remain connected to their families, and receive the practical and emotional support they need.

Estimated allocation of spend across projects from income raised

- Investment in Operational Efficiencies
- UK Centre Refurbishment
- Training for Frontline Staff
- Mombassa Centre Repairs
- Dubai
- Poti and Batumi
- Piraeus
- Walvis Bay and Richards Bay



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