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# Maritime Mountain Race

## Why it Matters

**Below are a number of case studies which provide ready content for you to share with your network.**

These stories highlight The Mission to Seafarers' unwavering dedication and the enduring resilience of the seafarers we serve. Whether navigating complex legal landscapes, offering medical and psychological assistance, or simply lending a listening ear, our global network continues to stand beside maritime workers worldwide. **Your support makes our mission possible.**

**When sharing, don't forget to add a personal comment about your commitment to supporting the work of the Mission; details of your team and your fundraising targets; and a link to your Team's Fundraising page.**

### **South Africa, Richards Bay & Port Elizabeth: Digital chaplaincy and support**

In Richards Bay, Port Chaplain Mark Classen provided long-distance support to a 2nd Engineer grieving the loss of his wife. Coordinating with MtS Manila, Mark helped the seafarer navigate funeral arrangements and provided emotional solace during this tragic time. In Port Elizabeth, Revd. Philile Lobese supported seafarers grappling with homesickness, family issues, and difficult career decisions, demonstrating that pastoral care can comfort both spirit and mind.

### **UAE: Tanker explosion response**

Welfare Officer Willy Nebria, working alongside the Federal Maritime Authority, provided critical support after a tanker explosion claimed three lives and left another seafarer with severe burns. Willy coordinated with authorities to manage repatriation and visited the survivor in the hospital, offering solace and witnessing his recovery. Nebria's efforts exemplified compassionate care and highlighted the Mission's vital role in times of crisis.

### **UK: Support for new joiners**

In Fowey, Port Welfare Officer Evette Hall extended support to a newly joined Captain and cook awaiting their vessel's arrival. Stranded in the rain, they faced carrying heavy luggage over a mile to their ship. Evette stepped in, providing transportation, water, and refreshments, turning an exhausting wait into an experience marked by kindness and compassion.

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