

Seamen's Institute/TEC partner to tell story of ministry to mariners in wake of piracy

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While piracy has topped headlines worldwide, Seamen's Church Institute is focusing on combating piracy, ministering to seafarers and addressing what complications come next in their lives.

The Office of Communication of The Episcopal Church has partnered with Seamen's Church Institute in presenting a dramatic video, *Wading in the Waters*, detailing the plight of seafarers affected by piracy and how Seamen's Church Institute is responding. The video is available here: <http://episcopalchurch.org/multimedia/wadinginthewaters/>

"The Office of Communication is proud to produce an important piece about the horrors of piracy and how Seamen's Church Institute is responding to the needs of seafarers," commented Mike Collins, director of Digital Media. "It's an important issue worldwide, and the fact that Seamen's Church Institute is taking steps to help seafarers following acts of piracy is another indication of The Episcopal Church in action."

In the compelling video, striking images of the seas are interspersed with TV news reports and seafarers' personal reflections

Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) is based in New York and is affiliated with The Episcopal Church.

The Journey

In August 2009, Douglas Stevenson, director of SCI's Center for Seafarers', traveled on the *Maersk Idaho* - operated by Maersk Lines, Ltd., whose *Maersk Alabama* was the target of attacks by pirates -- for a firsthand witness to the concerns, issues and problems faced by seafarers as they traveled from Cairo, Egypt, to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, through Pirates' Alley, in the Gulf of Aden off the east coast of Africa by Somalia.

Wading in the Waters follows his journey and then chronicles his efforts to develop the Post Piracy Trauma Assessment and Treatment, a foundational clinical study conducted in conjunction with the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and the New York Psychoanalytic Institute to ascertain the clinical assessment and treatment of piracy attack survivors.