



**SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
CHRISTMAS – AT – SEA
PACKING EVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

90% of global trade is transported on the world's oceans by crew members on container ships who remain invisible to most people, yet our supply chains depend on their services and sacrifice of being at sea for six to nine months. It is an exhausting and lonely job. We invite you to spread holiday cheer among those who will not be with their loved ones. **We are collecting the following items to create satchels on Sunday, November 8 following worship.** Around Christmastime, our port chaplains will deliver the satchels. Mariners regardless of their faith or nationality will receive satchels filled with your donations:

**Sweatshirts – hooded or unhooded (size M-L)
Socks – thermal or gym
T- Shirt (size M-L)
Knitted Winter Caps
(coordinating scarf optional; no pastels please)
Cans of Nuts, Large Bars of Chocolate,
or Health Snack Bars
A Holiday or Christmas Card from YOU!**

You pick the colors, styles and brands, but **PLEASE NO SUBSTITUTIONS FROM THE LIST.** For the safety of seafarers, please do not add fringes or pom-poms to the hats and scarves.

What might otherwise have been another lonely night at sea becomes a joyous occasion, because complete strangers share the spirit of Christmas with seafarers!