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WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT:	77
NO. OF VISITS:	76
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY:	418



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Mission Statement

The Tacoma Seafarers' Center is organized to minister holistically, (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to seafarers who come to the Port of Tacoma. Our ministry emphasis is spreading the saving gospel of Jesus Christ world-wide to and through Seafarers.

THAT EXTRA MILE

As a volunteer at the **Tacoma Seafarers' Center**, we often become friends with the crewmembers on the various ships that visit the **PORT OF TACOMA**. Usually, the vessels arrive every 35 days and normally we see the crew at that time.

So it was with a recent visit by the **Hyundai Kingdom**. Two crewmembers from the **Ukraine** wanted to purchase cell phones. After arriving at 90th and Pacific Avenue we found the business had moved. So we stopped at **Fred Meyer** and they purchased a phone. The two men were under the impression that one specific cell phone would work in the **Ukraine**. After checking the fine print, there was some question as to whether it would and we found help from an attendant at the **T-Mobile Store** located close to Tacoma Mall. It was finally determined that the "cell" purchased would not work in their country so we returned the phone to **Fred Meyer**.

Everyone was helpful to these two crewmembers and they were very appreciative.

When volunteers hear that the **Tacoma Seafarers' Center** is one of the most helpful and caring on the West Coast, it all pays off having gone that "**Extra Mile**".

Tom Harris

GOLF WITH THE CAPTAIN

Recently **Captain Sung Ching Wang** invited me to lunch aboard the **Hatsu Elite**. We had decided previously to play a round of golf. On Thursday, June 3rd, at noon I picked up **Captain Wang** at ship-side and we continued to the **Allenmore Golf Course**.

Thursdays happen to be my volunteer day at the **Tacoma Seafarers' Center** and fellow volunteers, George Stokes and Roy Blakeslee handled the normal routine at the Seafarers' Center until I returned. Thank You George and Roy!!

The day was perfect for golf and we both had a great time. I only played nine holes, as I needed to return to the Center. However, the Captain had such a good time, he played the back nine and I picked him up

later to return him to his ship. The Captain is a "master" golfer and had to put up with this "duffer" for a few hours. Actually, I did not completely dishonor the good name of the Tacoma Seafarers' Center. We plan to play golf again when Captain Wang is back in Tacoma.

Captain Wang will be leaving for an extended vacation after his next visit in early July and **Tacoma Seafarers' Center** wish him a restful holiday time.

Tom Harris

"We must show them we care, before they care what we know."
Rev. Ray Eckhoff



Chaplain Lloyd Bovee leading Bible study



Two Filipino seamen just received calendars from Chaplain Lloyd Bovee

PLEASE HELP

Readers of *Mooring Lines* are requested to respond to the following:

One: If anyone has or knows someone who has a riding lawn mower that the **Center** could use once a month to cut the grass in the half-acre or so field behind the parking lot, this would be greatly appreciated. While we have a self-propelled hand mower, the space is too great for an individual to do the job. If the riding mower could be made available, one of our volunteers could use it.



Two: If anyone has or knows someone who has a collection of magazines that could be donated to the **Center** to be distributed to the ship crews this would also be greatly appreciated. Sailors usually rotate in and out of Tacoma on an average of every 35 days. Although they might go ashore at some other ports in the cycle, the time spent on board when they are "off duty" can be long and boring. Magazines with lots of pictures can be entertaining.



Three: The **Center** collects aluminum cans from two or three sources. We sell them at a recycling place for a little money. We could use more. Instead of putting your cans in the "blue containers" that are picked up by the city, please consider putting them aside and bringing them to the **Center**. Or, if you live in a central Tacoma location it might be possible for one of our vans to stop by and pick up your collection. Or, you could just send us a check in lieu of the cans.



Four: In an earlier issue we mentioned that we had distributed over 17,000 tee shirts that had been donated by a generous company. Now the shirts are all given out. If you know of a source, or know someone who knows of a source that could provide tee shirts, caps or other items (even with company logos), this would be greatly appreciated.

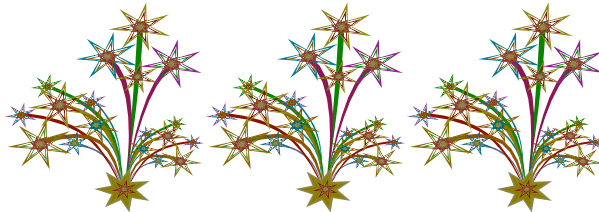


We are deeply grateful for your continuing support of the **Center**, to enable it to carry out its mission. Please call, write or visit.

God Bless To All,
George Stokes



NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING – September 7, 2004
NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – August 24, 2004



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