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## WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT: 88  
NO. OF VISITS: 88  
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY: 722



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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.

### UPDATE FROM LLOYD BOVEE

My how fast time goes, and as they say "time and the tide waits for no man." When I was seven years old, it seemed it took forever between Thanksgiving and Christmas; but not now, it's already Christmas at Costco.

Captain Pascualito M. Banque of the *M/V Chuetsu Maru* requested a mass be held on his ship. Whenever some Captain asks if we can hold a church service such as a communion or mass, we always try to fulfill these requests.

This time Father John Wilkie from Holy Rosary Parish came and met their needs. When I called and asked him if he could do the mass, he said "yes"; then my next question, was he afraid of heights? Fortunately for the crew he was not. The ship was tied up at the Weyerhaeuser chip dock (chips are wood that they use in making paper and other things) and to get aboard you needed to walk up six stories of steps cross over the ship and then back down eight steps. The first time it can be a little unnerving; especially if the ship is loading chips (which can be very dirty with wood dust). This time the loading was suspended and the air was clear.



Out of a crew of twenty men, seventeen attended mass. One man was on the bridge, one at the gangway, and another was at a security post. I ask Father John wouldn't it be nice if all churches had attendance like this, "OH YES".

I was given a new pair of army winter boots and have been carrying them around for months in my car until the other day when on the *M/V Ever Grade* I finally found a shipmate with a nine shoe size. C/O Clifford H. Suobiron was very happy to receive them. Winter is coming on in the Northwest and it will be very cold.

My daughter Mary does demonstrations of different products in stores and with many of the demos come garments to wear and tables cloths for display. Here is a sample picture. On *M/V S. Venus* at Schnitzer Metal dock you see C/cook Tobias Romie Narciso wearing a blue apron and the M/m Obiso Danilo Basmayor wearing a vest and a blue tablecloth is laid out for use. It brings bright colors and



smiles into some drab surroundings. There is no cost, only the time and postage to get the items here. I will put more of these together and show them in a later newsletter.

Chaplain Lloyd L. Bovee

PS - "Forgiveness does not mean condoning what has been done. Forgiving means abandoning your right to pay back the perpetrator in his own coin, but it is a loss that liberates the victim."

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### THEY NEEDED VEGETABLES

The *M/V Zi Yuan* had been at the Temco grain dock for a couple days when the Seafarers' Center received a call saying that the all-Chinese crew, who had no shore passes, needed vegetables badly. Because they were unable to go ashore at their last port in Australia, they had sailed across the Pacific Ocean with only meat and rice.

Volunteers George and Lisa Stokes (she is a native Chinese speaker) climbed the steps of the gangway and went into the crew's lounge where they met the eagerly

