

HELP THOSE WHO GIVE US SO MUCH

Every year, Seamen's Church Institute assembles and distributes thousands of "ditty bags" to seafarers in our Delaware River ports between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Seafarers come from all over the world to deliver 90% of our goods and produce. Their job is lonely and sometimes dangerous, and they are away from home for 9 to 12 months at a time. PLEASE HELP US PROVIDE A SMALL GIFT OF THANKS TO THEM THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

WISH LIST FOR DITTY BAGS

- Hats and scarves in dark colors
- Work socks and work gloves
- Mini sewing kit
- Pens and writing paper
- Small calendars
- Razors and shaving cream
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shampoo and comb
- Deodorant, nail clippers
- Full sizes, please, for toiletries

ALSO: gently used coats and sweaters are much appreciated by seafarers, many of whom come from tropical climates and do not have warm clothing for harsh North Atlantic winters. Coats and sweaters only, please -- we cannot use shoes or other garments.

Financial donations are welcome! We spend \$8,000 a year to purchase bags and work gloves.

If you can help, please call Chaplain Bradley Gow at (215)940-9900, ext. 106. We need all items at our office, 475 N. 5th Street in Philadelphia, by November 3, 2017.



Since 1843, Seamen's Church Institute has been serving the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of thousands of seafarers who come in to our ports each year. They represent many different countries and different faiths, and our mission is to help them all.