

# PORT WATCH

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Auckland International Seafarers Centre

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## By The Numbers



We continue to see large numbers of visitors to the Centre. 448 visitors in September is second biggest in 2024.

The Welfare Officers made 87 ship visits in September, missing just two cargo ships.

140 crew exchanged money this month—over \$10 000USD!

## Merchant Navy Day Memorial Service



Each year our team assists the NZ Maritime Museum to host a commemorative service.

This year saw of 200 attendees, the largest service in many years.

Rev Noel Cox officiated the service and Rev Aaron Ironside presented the prayers.

## Up Close and Personal



We hear many sad stories from seafarers visiting Auckland, so its nice to be able to put a smile on their faces!

We ask the Captain if any crew are having a birthday— and on this ship the answer was—two of them!

Crew don't expect us to celebrate their birthdays, so when we arrive with a gift just for them it makes everyone's day brighter.

## Let's Celebrate!



There are several things to celebrate this month:

1. All the Chaplains completed their Level 1 St John's First Aid Certificate.
2. Rev Noel Cox and his wife welcomed a beautiful baby boy!
3. Ships birthed at the Chelsea Sugar Refinery will have access to Wi-Fi thanks to Shipping NZ

*Very thankful for your service and care to the seafarers, hope more ports that I visit would be like this. "*

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