

CASES AND COLLABORATION

Picton Seafarers Centre

SEPTEMBER 2024

Eliza Bai

Our new ship visitor has just completed the Merchant Navy Board Ship Visitor Course. Elisa is fluent in Chinese, so is able to connect and build relationships with Chinese crew.

BERGE JEBEL JAIS

There were 19 crew members all Chinese, so it was good to have Eliza visit as well to interpret. The crew were very pleased to receive our visit we were able to deliver peanut slabs and some Marlborough information and post cards.. Even before we left the wharf a number of the crew were using the sailor's room.

AFRICAN CONDOR

This ship has an Filipino crew. Our welcome pack, chocolate slabs and spiritual care back were gladly accepted.

Chaplain Jan had a wonderful conversation with the captain. He was delighted that we would pray for the ship's safety on their onward journey. They discussed spiritual matters, and he gave a testimony of how his prayers were answered when he was a very new sea captain, and some of his crew who were not sure how the voyage would go. He told one officer that he would do his best, put his faith in God, and God would help him, and he would work with this officer as well as he could. He described being in rough seas with 6 metre waves, in Scandinavian waters, heading for Germany. The ship kept pointing toward Iceland. He prayed for guidance, and then it became clear to him that after every seventh wave, there was a break, and he could use this time break to correctly steer the ship! His crew are blessed to have him in charge!



GOLDEN ISLE

The crew were pleased to receive our usual gifts along with some postcards of Picton and handknitted beanie for everyone!

