

PORT WATCH AUCKLAND

A monthly newsletter from the Auckland International Seafarers Centre

Accidents and Emergencies

The local GAC agent was quick to contact the Centre when he learnt that the Chief Cook onboard a Car Carrier had suffered a stroke whilst the ship was underway off the coast of the North Island. Initially flown to Whangarei Hospital by helicopter, we had our colleagues at Marsden Point standing by to offer support.

He was rushed to Auckland Hospital for emergency surgery. Our team visited him to supply a mobile phone charger and welfare pack. For many days the Cook had lost the ability to speak or write—it was very distressing for all involved.

Regular updates from the agent ensured he received several welfare visits from our team until he was successfully repatriated to India on King's Birthday weekend.

He had regained the power of speech before his homeward journey!



Meanwhile, at South Port the MV Olivia was involved in a well publicized accident in the Engine Room. Our Bluff Seafarers Centre team had already been offering sightseeing and hospitality to the crew in the days leading up to the incident. They continued to offer support to the crew, whilst we handed the accident case over to the Lyttelton Seafarers Centre, who visited the most injured seafarer in the local hospital.

A Night out on the Town



Romanian 2nd Officer Alex confided to a Welfare Officer that he is a “Foodie” and was tired of the lack of menu variety onboard his vessel.

He had recently discovered Malaysian food so we booked a table at Sri Penang to try their famous Beef Rendang.

It was spicy but he loved it!

After the meal we rushed him back to the ship before his midnight duty.

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