



Latest AMWS E-News for December 2022

"Welcome to the December 2022 Edition of the AMWS E-News" - Chairman, Mr David Parmeter

*In this message, I will take the opportunity to review the year's activities and discuss some of the important work performed by our organisation.*

*The critical point to emphasise is that AMWS continues to provide generous financial support to those organisations in the front line of seafarer welfare. This is through a combination of direct grants to the National Offices of Mission to Seafarers and Apostleship of the Sea, and more significantly, targeted grants to individual centres....."*



[View David's Introduction to the December 2022 AMWS E-News here. >>](#)

AMWS's Highlights for 2022 include;

*Photo's: Clockwise starting top left*

1. One-off grants to MTS Hastings and Newcastle to repair storm damage
2. Two financial contributions to the Seafarers International Relief Fund
3. A focused financial grant to MTS Townsville in support of their welfare packages for Ukrainian Seafarers
4. Via a LOAM legacy, AMWS has been able to facilitate a cadetship programme on the STS One & All.
5. Via the Malcolm Longstaff Scholarship programme, AMWS supports AMC students who meet the Society's criteria.

**Overall AMWS has contributed almost \$250,000 for scholarships, grants and seafarer welfare in 2022**



**STS Young Endeavour Voyage 14/22. 12th December 2022.**

Sponsored by the Salvation Army and funded by the Australian Mariners Welfare Society as part of its **Jim Israel Sail Training Scholarship** programme, Jaydon today arrived back in Sydney having successfully completed voyage 14/22 on the Young Endeavour. Greeted on arrival by AMWS Councillors Graham Lightfoot and Alan Tait, Jaydon described his 10 day experience on board as a "wonderful trip".

Photo: Jaydon and AMWS Councillor Graham Lightfoot on arrival Garden Island.

Well done Jaydon.

[Learn more about Jaydon's voyage 14/22 and the "Young Endeavour" programme via this link >>](#)



**HRAS Presentation at the Australian Port Welfare Committee Forum: 23rd to 26th November 2022.**

Human Rights at Sea Advisory Board Member Paul MacGillivray gave the closing presentation on Day 1 of the conference on how port welfare committees (PWCs) can assist with the overall welfare of everyone in the port community.

Paul opened the discussion with the vision and mission of Human Rights at Sea. He went on to outline the HRAS Maritime levy campaign which is running concurrently with the Australian Seafarers' Welfare Council's initiative for sustainable welfare funding.

[A HRAS report on Paul's comments can be found via this link >>](#)



**Abandoned Livestock carrier to be auctioned in Victoria. ITF Seafarers Press Release 19th December 2022.**

An international livestock carrier ship, the *Yangtze Fortune*, has been detained by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority in Portland, Victoria, after its owner failed to pay its crew or meet its obligations under international maritime law.

The ship, which is registered under the Flag of Liberia but operates a trading route between Australia and China, has been anchored near Portland since October and is subject to an abandonment notice lodged with the International Labour Organization. The ship is also subject to Australian Federal Court proceedings brought by commercial creditors from Singapore to recover debts owed to them by the ship's owner.

After many weeks at anchor near Portland, provisions aboard the ship are running low and many of the crew are desperate to return home but must now stay with the ship while court action and the ship's sale process unfold.

[Read More. ITV Seafarers Link >>](#)



**The International Seafarers Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN) Year in Review. Youtube. 20th December 2022**

"2022 has been another turbulent year for the maritime industry, and we are proud to have been there to support seafarers and their families through the challenges they have faced.

*This video takes a look back on our year... "*

[ISWAN Youtube link >>](#)



**Modern Slavery within Maritime Supply Chains Report released. Daily Cargo News 9th December 2022.**

The corporate sustainability organisation UN Global Compact and the MUA released their co-authored publication "Modern Slavery within Maritime Shipping Supply Chains" on 9 December during a launch event at the KPMG office in Sydney. The publication responds to an apparent lack of clarity around human rights impacts in the shipping industry.

[A copy of the DCN article can be found via this link >>](#)



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