

WORLD MARITIME DAY 2023 AT THE IMC



Established by the United Nations in 1978, **World Maritime Day** is meant to recognize the importance of the maritime industry and its essential role in the world.

The 2023 theme, **MARPOL at 50 – Our Commitment Goes On**, spotlights the fifty-year anniversary of the adoption of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL). MARPOL is the main international convention covering prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships from operational or accidental causes

Our Bay Area maritime industry has embraced MARPOL and the spirit of World Maritime Day through many innovations and programs that improve the maritime environment, maritime safety and security, and international shipping.

As a maritime welfare organization and a proud member of the Bay Area maritime community, Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate at the International Maritime Center, aims to do our part to raise awareness about the multiple contributions the shipping industry makes in the Bay Area and places all over the globe.

❖ **WORLD OF PANCAKES BREAKFAST FOR MARITIME INDUSTRY LEADERS**

Thursday September 28 2023 8:30 – 10:00 am

A gathering for invited industry and civic representatives acknowledging Bay clean energy efforts, aspirations and accomplishments of the Bay Area maritime sector and other institutions. An inspiring program of music, sumptuous food, keynote remarks and networking. Highlights of the programs and services that SMGG provides to seafarers aboard ships as the berth at the Port of Oakland.

❖ **WORLD OF PANCAKES COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST**

Saturday September 30, 2023 8:30 am – 12 noon

Our gathering will feature our common connections through food, art, and the oceans through a delicious menu of pancakes, live music, a Maritime Art Exhibit, and the *Maritime Opportunities Awareness Expo* with sign-Ups for the new Ship Welcome and Visitor Force; Christmas at Sea volunteers and other roles. Tickets : \$20

❖ **SEA SUNDAY – Sunday October 1, 2023**

Churches, faith centers, non-religious groups and individuals are encouraged to set aside to remember, pray for, and support seafarers, their families, and the maritime community.

Registration for the Community Connections Breakfast event opens September 1, 2023

Events@smgg.org

We provide presence, personal support and spiritual care for seafarers, maritime workers, and their families
We Educate, Advocate and Coordinate Resources for Maritime Welfare

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