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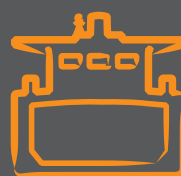
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## Joy on Progress



**SeaTeam**  
Management  
*"The Good Move"*

# Host Charity Aids the Needy



HANDS-OF-SEATEAM

*Kids at the existing Precious Heritage Orphanage that caters for Children up to 12 years old.*



With the continuing generosity of SeaTeam staff total donations to HOST are now approaching \$170,000. As a result throughout this year HOST has expanded into new areas in which to assist the needy, mainly in the areas of education and support of young people. This is based on a philosophy that through education that we can improve their lives in a sustainable way that will break a cycle of poverty.

In Manila we have covered approximately 50% of the costs of constructing a hostel for elder kids along with the school operated by Precious Heritage Orphanage. This now at a stage where only the tiles and painting are still needed to complete the project.

▼ *Precious Heritage Orphanage nears completion*



In Chennai we have established the HOST learning Center working in collaboration with Turning Point Educational Trust. This operates in the Kannagi Nagar slum area and provides evening classes for children of all ages. HOST is paying rental on the premises and the salaries of 2 permanent qualified teachers. We have also provided books and school books to the Children.

We are looking to replicate this in other slum areas where there is a need in the future.

In 2013 we started to provide scholarships to allow disadvantaged Children to follow a career at sea. The



▲ Inauguration of the HOST learning center at Kannagi Nagar

▼ HOST provides funding for 2 teachers



intention being that SeaTeam will employ these young men once they graduate from Nautical school. This was initially started in India and based on the success we have extended this to Philippines. We presently have 4 young men under this scheme.

- Sarthy has joined the Pioneer as an Engine Boy having completed his studies
- Siva Kumar will be joining Front Njord as Deck Boy in August
- Manikandan has completed his diploma in Nautical Science finishing 5th in class. He is presently working in Chennai office while we apply for his Seaman's book and passport.
- Arvin Valdez is in the initial stages of his studies in Manila.



▲ Sarthy departs Chennai to join his first ship "M.T Pioneer"

▼ First HOST sponsored Filipino Cadet Arvin Mark Valdez. Mark graduated from Precious Heritage Orphanage.



# A Shudder From Our Rudder

By: Tarun Menon, 2nd officer  
M.T. Front Cecilie

So, it all started one day when we were rocking and rolling around in the Arabian sea. Here we were, grinning at the mere thought of our next possible voyage that would ultimately take us to Los Angeles. Little did we know, fate, had other plans for us. The Chief Engineer advised the Master the steering gear was vibrating in an ominous manner. The concerned parties were informed and what followed was a barrage of communication, as one would expect in extraordinary circumstances like this. Once all the brain storming was over, the verdict was delivered, The Front Cecilie would be going into Dubai dry docks for repairs. First the disappointment of losing out on a perfectly convenient long voyage to America set in, then came the anxiety of not knowing whether this would only be limited to a brief repair stint or we'd go the whole nine yards and have Cecilie's first scheduled dry dock.

We pulled into Dubai Dry Dock's repair berth and in a matter of a couple of days, it was a certainty that we'd be going ahead with her scheduled dry dock. Now I say scheduled, the reality is this was anything but. At first there was a lot of excitement amongst the guys knowing we'd be staying for up to a month in Dubai. Once the news had sunk in, horror followed because we had just realized that Dubai in August is tantamount to purgatory. This is where the Devil himself sends Hell's resident technicians to train in the science of heat.

What followed was an enormous amount of effort from each and



▲ Staging being erected around rudder.



▲ 4 x 100 ton chain block fitted on padeyes for removal of rudder blade.

every one onboard in making sure we had Cecilie prepared to dock. Now in normal circumstances, these preparations take anything from 2 to 3 months, but we had a shade over 6 days to do the same, yet we still rolled up our sleeves, grit our teeth and made it happen. Everyone from the Master to the Messman, was on their toes. We were like Santa's little elves around Christmas eve. We just put our heads down and went right at it with a smile on our faces and a steely determination in our guts.

We docked on the 4th of August and work hit us like a tsunami straight from the word go. People were given their respective responsibilities and a plan was set in motion straightaway. Now when the ship is afloat we tend to take her size for granted. If you want a true perspective on just how gigantic the Cecilie is, try going for a stroll on the dock bottom. I cannot even begin to describe the feeling of insignificance that creeps up the back of my neck when I stand beside her at the dock bottom. It's a moment of immense pride too,



▲ Capt. Cedric Fernandes and C/E Nand Kumar inside the rudder.

knowing that as a watchkeeping officer, you are solely responsible for maneuvering this larger than life beauty. For 8 hours a day, she's your baby.

Just this morning, the dock staff was removing her rudder. This I believe, is a once in a career occurrence and I consider myself extremely lucky to have witnessed an operation of such precision and sheer magnitude. We have a cadet who had just signed on from Singapore. I'm certain he would never have imagined going into dry dock immediately after beginning his career at sea. It's great for him because of what a dry dock teaches

you, that no books or classrooms can. It can't get any better for the watchkeeping officers either as it's on extremely rare occasions that one of us gets to sleep through an entire night, let alone all three of us.

I've been involved in three other dry dock operations through my career, but this particular one will always be

remembered by me for the rest of my life. If not for the circumstances under which we came into dry dock or the sight of the rudder being eased out of it's place, then at least for the teamwork and synergy our men have shown in this past month in getting our lady ready for her dance in the dry dock. This is what you call a band of merry men and I'm thrilled to be one of them.



▲ Yard prepares rudder for lowering.



▲ Rudder blade shifted out



▲ Rudder tiller on the poop deck



▲ Rudder lowered out



▲ Frontline's Olav Eikrem inspecting bottom pintle on rudder blade with SeaTeam's BK Singh

# Front Ull Delivered to SeaTeam Management Pte Ltd



On 23rd May 2014 at 1226 hours, the M/T Front Ull has departed from Jiangsu Rongsheng Shipyard under the Command of Capt. S. S. Sengar. The Suez-Max M/T Front Ull is a sister-ship of the M/T Front Odin and M/T Front Njord, making it an ideal addition to SeaTeam's Oil Tanker Fleet.



*Wishing all who sail onboard, fair winds and following seas wherever commercial horizons may take you.*

## Philippines Seafarers' & Family Summer Outing

"SeaTeam (Phils) held a seafarers family outing in Canyon Cove, Batangas on 28-29 June 2014 attended by 22 seafarers and their families including the DMMA cadets, Capt. Ronnie & his office staff had a great time interacting with sea staff (total 80 participants) during the 2 day outing which included karaoke night and games held on the beach. Our one way of showing how we acknowledged the loyalty and support of our seafarers which we hope will imbibe to all onboard and make them feel they belong to our SeaTeam family"



# Day Of The Seafarer Celebration On 25 June 2014

Day of The Seafarer will be celebrated on 25 June 2014. To mark the occasion, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) Co-sponsors for the project was the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union and the Singapore Organisation of Seamen.

In conjunction with the celebration, the MPA held a ceremony on 25 Jun 2014 (Wednesday) to present hampers to selected ships. The Guest-of-Honour for the ceremony was Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Singapore Parliamentary Secretary of Ministry of Transport.



▲ BK Singh and Capt. Sumit Singhal



▲ Capt. Sumit Singhal accepting award



▲ BK Singh accepting award



Three nice hampers were presented to SeaTeam Management vessels that were in Singapore port, with the following representatives on hand by SeaTeam:

MT Sea Hope - represented by Capt. Sumit Singhal  
 MT Front Cecilie - represented by Mr. BK Singh  
 MT Front Ull - represented by Mr. Jeffrey Kong

# Cook and Messman upgrading course

As part of SeaTeam Manila's upgrading training for Cooks and Messman, Training Manager/Quality Safety Coach Bong Fernandez put 10 ex-galley staff for attendance of two weeks upgrading course & cooking class. The class included Indian cuisine & International cuisine as well as proper hygiene, housekeeping and victualing. Attendance ensure joining galley staff have been trained prior boarding as per added requirement of class on manning in reference to MLC 2006 accreditation. The course will be continued for all on leave and for new incoming galley staff.

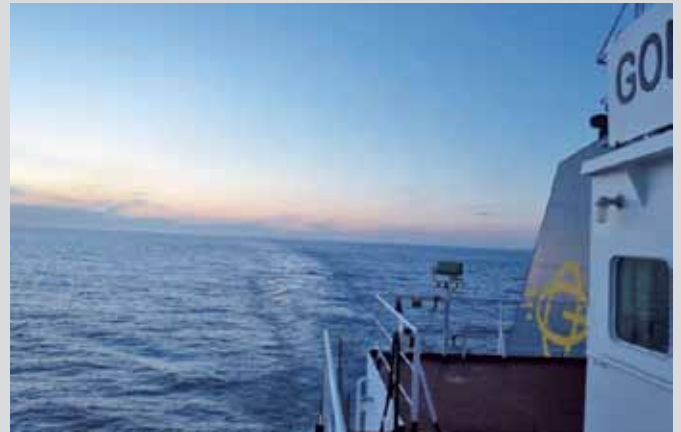


▲ Training Manager/Quality Safety Coach Bong Fernandez monitoring training

## Midnight at Latitude 71-03N



▲ Sailing in the night



▲ Land of the Midnight Sun

▼ Enjoying the twilight

Golden Endeavour sailed from load port Kirkenes, Norway to Ijmuiden. Off Hammerfest on Northern Coast of Norway, midnight is never too dark, as at this time of year twilight remains throughout the "night" and full-of-the-moon coincided during passage. The twilight seemed strange yet beautiful as the ship sailed in the midnight sun.

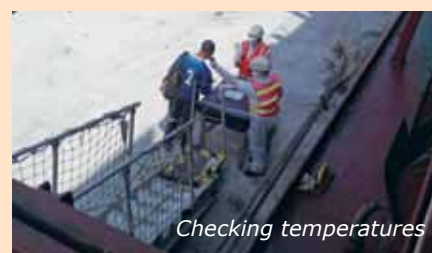




# Western Copenhagen Institutes EBOLA Precautions in Lagos

In accordance with World Health Organization (WHO) precautionary recommendations, the M/V Western Copenhagen initiated precautions when calling Lagos to prevent spread of the deadly virus. The following steps were taken to ensure the safety of the vessel and its crew members:

- Crew was detailed at the base of the gangway using a remote thermometer to scan each person before they board, to refuse boarding for anyone who is showing signs of fever
- Access to accommodations by stevedores and authorities was limited to the vessel's office
- On boarding at the base of the gangway, stevedores and authorities were required to wash their hands with soap and water, or alcohol hand sanitizer
- The crew was supplied with N95 medical grade facemasks, latex gloves and Tyvek suits to protect them from the bodily fluids of visitors



Checking temperatures



Wearing protective clothing

## Joy Onboard Progress

*Capt. SZ Peter, Progress*

Progress seems to be one of the best ships in the tanker fleet for the company. It was with Joy & Pride that this ship came into our fleet on the 12th of March, 2014. The name change from British Progress to Progress was on the 13th of March, 2014.

On completion of its SeaTeam maiden voyage, after coming into SeaTeam Management, the vessel arrived in Singapore anchorage on the 23rd of May, 2014. Our Marine Manager Capt. Baskar Padmanaban, Tankers Fleet Manager Mr. Andre D'Costa and Tech. Supt. Mr. Abdul Niyas V. came aboard to do the audits and inspections and Purchasing Officer, Joy Yang Manting came to see how the storing and purchasing on a VLCC is carried out. Annual survey by Class Lloyds was also carried out during this time.

Even though the ship staff were quite busy with all the workload onboard yet Joy took the opportunity to discuss at least with the senior management levels about the

stores and supplies she sanctions for the vessel. The size of the machinery spares which we order onboard cannot be imagined by the purchaser usually if just sitting in the office and liaising between the ship and the supplier. Actually looking upon the spares kept in the ships store room was an eye-opener for Joy. She interacted with almost everybody dealing with requisition system onboard and enquired with them of the quality of stores she supplies. There was complaints and grievances addressed to her with basic cabin stores and provisions being supplied onboard and she assured the ship staff of looking into this matter. Chief cook was very happy that he was able to serve Joy with all delicacies in the afternoon menu even though it was a real short notice to display his talents.

Joy had a very good time aboard Progress and she did disembark the vessel with lovely memories of a short visit

onboard and for the vessel it was a joy to have our Purchasing Officer Joy onboard Progress.



# Singapore Staff Visit M/T Sea Bay

By Deck Cadet Mr. Tanmay Gupta

On the noon of 8th Aug, 2014 with the sun's golden grace penetrating the clouds and embracing the sky, we at M/T Sea Bay were visited by our Managing Director Alasdair Smith along with Su Peng Kuek, Sharon Huang, Fiona Amano and Teekay Charterers Rep. Danny Tan and Leo Bakaric.

It all started with a very warm welcome by our skipper Capt. Eljeevdas, C/E Sharad Gupta, C/O Bhuwaneshwar Singh and other on board staff. It was quite warm and lethargic outside but our welcome made them enjoyed & enthusiastic which were very well expressed by their smiling faces. They, after being escorted to Captain's office, were served with refreshments and then it all got started with light refreshing conversation about personal well-being. Soon after, realizing their peckishness after having climbed up on accommodation ladder that too in a Ballast condition, our Captain's appreciable wit welcomed them in Officer's Mess Room. In the decency of warm golden lamps along with curtained port holes, they were presented with various cuisines making them famish as ever. After enjoying lunch to the brim, Managing Director Alasdair with his colleagues took a step back to thank our Chief Cook Mr. Danasekaran and Mess Man Mr. John for their wonderful effort.

▼ *Danny Tan and Leo Bakaric look on as Managing Director Alasdair Smith gives tuition on passage planning.*

Most of Managing Director Alasdair's colleagues, being new to the Giant Maritime Man Made Wonders, were very well introduced by Managing Director Alasdair himself. It was ecstatic to find their amazed faces, while being introduced to various parts of the ship.

Though Royalty may have long been relegated to status of plebes, it was really awe to find the Managing Director of our company to be so gentle, soft spoken and candid in his behavior, which was very well revered by every individual onboard. His zeal towards shipping as an overall Skipper made us more and more venerated towards him.

▼ *Su Peng Kuek, Sharon Huang and Fiona Amano learn about bridge procedure.*



In the end, they very well appreciated our efforts and as a token of love offered us with various flavored cakes, muffins and with ardor of visiting back soon again.



▲ Teekay staff with Capt. Eljeevdas.  
▼ Singapore staff tour the cargo deck.



▲ Singapore staff tours the engine room.



## AED deliveries in progress



The M/V Golden Magnum was one of the first vessels to receive and install an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) onboard. The supplied units are designed to be fool proof and require very little if any training. The AED unit was installed near the ship's hospital to be readily available to all crew in case of cardiac arrest.

# New Team Mates

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