



For Immediate Release

Pacific Basin Free Family Fun Day Hong Kong Maritime Museum Offers Free Admission and Family Activities to Celebrate the Day of the Seafarer - 25 June 2023



Hong Kong, 12 June 2023 – On 25 June 2023, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum celebrates the International Day of the Seafarer with free admission and a series of family activities to raise public awareness and show appreciation for the work of seafarers.





(Seafarers of Pacific Basin Shipping Limited)

The annual International Day of the Seafarer was established by the International Maritime Organization in 2010 as a tribute to the 1.6 million seafarers around the world for their essential contribution to world trade and the global economy. Around 90% of everything we eat, use and consume is brought to us by sea – even during COVID-19 when measures to contain the pandemic around the world posed extra hardships on ships' crews, including making it very difficult for ship owners to change crews and get their seafarers home.





(Vessel of Pacific Basin Shipping Limited)



(Game Booth of Pacific Basin Shipping Limited)

Sponsored by Hong Kong-based Pacific Basin Shipping Limited, in collaboration with the Marine Department, Hong Kong Seamen's Union and LumiVoce, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum opens its door for free to the public on 25 June 2023 to celebrate this meaningful day. Pacific Basin is one of the world's leading owners and operators of modern Handysize

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and Supramax dry bulk vessels. Come talk to young cadets and experienced seafarers at Pacific Basin's booths to learn more about their lives and shipping knowledge! Visitors can also experience knot-tying, sextant and compass navigation from the professional seafarers while winning souvenirs.



(Docents Tours)



(Marine Wildlife Talks)

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In addition, visitors can freely join in a myriad of family activities, including guided tours led by docents around the museum, treasure hunt, hand painting workshop etc. Moreover, marine life talks are scheduled to share knowledge with visitors about different marine ecologies and to introduce special marine animals and their habits.



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(Refuse Collection Vessels Demonstration by Marine Department)

Furthermore, game booths presented by the Hong Kong Seamen's Union will be set up for children and their families to interact with the Union's youth volunteers and learn about the life of a seafarer. A refuse collection vessel demonstration provided by the Marine Department will showcase the scavenging and collection of marine floating refuse and promote the importance of maintaining cleanliness at sea. Visitors can see how the vessels clean the harbour and learn about the daily operation of clean-up at sea and the latest technology applied to marine cleansing.





(2023 Voices for the Planet Award Ceremony)

One special event will also take place at the museum. LumiVoce will have its first in-person award ceremony - 2023 Voices for the Planet Award Ceremony - in the Hong Kong Maritime Museum. The Voices for the Planet education programme inspires young people to love and protect wildlife and biodiversity by creating their own wildlife artworks in five different art forms including drawing, writing, photography, videography and singing.

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Pacific Basin Free Family Fun Day

Date: 25 June 2023 (Sunday) Time: 10:00-19:00 Venue: Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Central Pier No. 8 Details: <u>https://bit.ly/43SnOu2</u>

Programme Details:

Advanced queuing for tickets required:

Tickets for all sessions will be distributed from 13:30 onwards at Special Exhibitions and Events Gallery, on a first come first served basis while stocks last. Each visitor can only participate in one session. All tickets have to be collected in person and

cannot be collected for someone else.

1. Refuse Collection Vessels Demonstration

Location: Gathering point at Special Exhibitions and Events Gallery, B Deck, Hong Kong

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Maritime Museum 2 sessions of approx. 30 minutes each. Each session is limited to 26 participants. Session 1: 14:00-14:30 Session 2: 14:30-15:00

No registration required. Join on the day:

2. Treasure Hunt Worksheet Location: Hong Kong Maritime Museum Time: 10:00 – 18:00

3. 2023 Voices for the Planet Award Ceremony

Location: Special Exhibitions and Events Gallery, B Deck, Hong Kong Maritime Museum Time: 11:00 – 12:30

4. Hand Painting Workshop

Location: Blue Ocean Hall, A Deck, Hong Kong Maritime Museum Time: 11:00 – 17:00

5. Pacific Basin Booths

Location: Harbour Viewing Gallery, B Deck, Hong Kong Maritime Museum Time: 11:30 – 16:30

6. Hong Kong Seamen's Union Game Booths

Location: Long Gallery, B Deck, Hong Kong Maritime Museum Time: 13:00 – 18:00

7. Marine Wildlife Talks

Location: Special Exhibitions and Events Gallery, B Deck, Hong Kong Maritime Museum 2 sessions of approx. 30 minutes each. Session 1: 15:00 – 15:30 Session 2: 16:30 – 17:00

8. Docents Tours

Location: Starting and gathering point at Lobby, B Deck, Hong Kong Maritime Museum 2 sessions of approx. 1 hour each. Session 1: 13:00 – 14:00 Session 2: 16:00 – 17:00

About Hong Kong Maritime Museum

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) was founded by members of the Hong Kong Shipowners Association to help Hong Kong residents and visitors to the city explore its unique

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maritime heritage. HKMM is an independent, non-profit registered charity supported by the shipping industry, the business community, individuals and the Hong Kong SAR Government. The HKMM is a cultural institution that tells the stories of Hong Kong's relationship with the sea, including the trades between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta and the world, and the vital roles played by so many ships in those stories.

The Museum opened its doors to the public at Murray House in Stanley in 2005 and relocated to Central Pier No. 8 in the heart of the Central Harbour Waterfront in 2013. Today the Museum displays over 1,200 objects in 15 galleries, attracting about 130,000 visitors annually. The HKMM also houses various event spaces, a research centre, its Museum Cafe (social enterprise) which enjoys wonderful harbour view. The HKMM engages with the community of Hong Kong by providing education and public programming to schools, adults, community groups and families.

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About Pacific Basin

Pacific Basin Shipping Limited is one of the world's leading owners and operators of modern Handysize and Supramax dry bulk vessels. Enhanced by a world class in-house fleet management team, the Company is committed to sustainable shipping with a keen focus on seafarer safety, health and wellbeing, responsible environmental practice, performance optimisation for best fuel and carbon efficiency, and best-in-class service delivery. The Company operates approximately 243 dry bulk ships of which 116 are owned and the rest chartered. Pacific Basin is listed and headquartered in Hong Kong and provides quality services to over 500 customers, with over 3,900 seafarers and 373 shore-based staff in 14 offices in key locations around the world.

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