

Sailors Society thanks Inchcape for continued support

International Seafarers' charity grateful for corporate and individual fundraising
International seafarers' charity the Sailors' Society has thanked global shipping agent Inchcape for their continued support both on a corporate and individual level.

Inchcape has been involved with a number of Sailors' Society projects and events in recent months including the sponsorship of the running and upkeep of the Southampton minibus for two years. The minibus is seen as a valued resource for visiting seafarers who wish to visit the Sailors' Society Seafarers' Centre in the heart of the city, to contact families, seek practical advice and spiritual support.

Director of Fundraising and Marketing Jan Webber said: We are really grateful to Inchcape for their support and as a sign of our gratitude the company logo features on the minibus. Inchcape Shipping has a strong presence in Southampton and Fawley and I have no doubt that their generosity will benefit some of their own seafarers when they visit the UK.

Inchcape Shipping Manager Tomrod Ognedal, based in Norway, has also supported the charity individually, raising over £1000 by running the London Marathon this year. He said: It was a privilege to run the marathon for the Sailors' Society. I am warmed by their efforts to make life more bearable for seafarers, who spend many months away at sea far away from families.

Inchcape Shipping was also involved in the Sailors' Society's most recent fundraising event The Dragon Boat Challenge, which took place at the 2012 Olympic Rowing site, Dorney Lake near Windsor. The InSane Sailors team fared well against more experienced opposition, again raising vital money that will go towards resources and support for seafarers across the world.

Jan Webber added: Inchcape have really embraced the fundraising projects we strive for. Sailors' Society is very lucky and extremely grateful not only for their corporate sponsorship, but also for their willingness, enthusiasm and consistency in their support.

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The Sailors' Society is an inter-denominational charity which replaces isolation with belonging amongst seafarers throughout the world. Through a network of Port Chaplains and Seafarers' Centres, operating in 30 countries in almost 100 Ports, the Society aims to enhance and enrich the lives of the 1.2million seafarers who often lead dangerous and lonely lives at sea, many miles from home. The Port Chaplains visit thousands of ships every year, directly addressing the needs of seafarers – irrespective of a person's belief or nationality. A reassuring presence for both current and retired seafarers and their families, the Society offers practical help, which can be as little as the resource to contact loved ones after months away, to spiritual assistance and counselling in times of need. Port Chaplains focus on improving the quality of seafarers' lives, as well as maintaining vital links within the Ports that they operate. For more information, please visit www.sailors-society.org, or contact Zoë Mitchell at Logical Creative Marketing on: 0845 345 69 69 or email: zoe@lcm.co.uk