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Houston International
Seafarers Center





Houston International Seafarers Center 45th Annual Maritime Gala 2024

The Houston International Seafarers Center is a qualified 501(c)(3) organization that provides humanitarian services to the seafarers that visit Houston everyday on commercial seagoing vessels. At Seafarer Center facilities, visiting mariners can relax and enjoy some time away from work, connect to the internet to call home, buy essential toiletries, and access ecumenical support services. The Seafarers Center also provides no-cost transportation for seafarers on liberty from their ships to the Center and local area.

The Seafarers Center Maritime Gala is the primary fund raising event for the Seafarers Center. It will allow you to showcase your company in front of more than 500 of Houston's maritime, energy and logistics business leaders. This year's theme "Boots & Bling" will lend itself well to a festive and fun evening with maritime and maritime-related professionals from around the Port region. So dust off those boots & get ready to shine!

Unique table underwriting, sponsorship, and live auction opportunities present a wide spectrum of ways to contribute to this exciting and worthwhile event.

When:

Saturday, May 4, 2024

6 pm to 7 pm: Opening reception and silent auction

7 pm to 8 pm: Dinner and program

8 pm to 11 pm: Entertainment

Where:

Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport

9100 Gulf Fwy, Houston, TX 77017



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Honoring Mr. David Clark as the 2024 Bronze Anchor Award Recipient

During his 40+ year career at an active marine LPG and petrochemical facility on the Houston Ship Channel, David held various leadership positions, including Facility Manager for 21 years. All those positions required interfacing with the Houston and global maritime community, especially with the seafarers on board the vessels visiting his facility.

In late 2014 David was invited to join the Board of Directors of the Houston International Seafarers Center. He was voted in and began his service on the HISC Board in January 2015, ultimately leading to his election as Board President for the 2020-2021 term. Toward the end of his term as President, David began training as a ship visitor, attended the Houston Chaplain's School, and is currently an active ship visitor, ministering to Seafarers from all over the world weekly. He is a member of, and the HISC Chaplains' Representative, to NAMMA, North American Maritime Missions Association, and attends the annual conferences, which are held throughout North America. David joined the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in 2018, in advance of retirement from his job, and is the recently-elected Flotilla Commander for the Seabrook, Texas Flotilla. He also holds numerous Division Staff Officer positions. several Flotilla Staff Officer positions and is an Assistant District 8 Emergency Management Staff Officer.

David has a special place in his heart for seafarers of all nationalities and is a tireless advocate for seafarer rights. For over 4 decades, David has built community awareness of these essential, yet invisible, visiting mariners who make our lives as we know them possible.



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Maritime Gala 2024

Table Levels

Your table guests will enjoy a memorable night. Gala highlights include an open bar, professional photography throughout the evening, and wine service during the gourmet dinner. During the cocktail reception, guests can participate in the silent auction, or wine pull, and mingle with other maritime industry leaders.

Admiral \$8000

Table Level Underwriter

- Table for 10 in a premier location
- Premium wine for table
- Company logo & recognition in souvenir program, on-line auction & social media campaign
- Prominent event signage at the Gala

Rear Admiral: \$5500

Table Level Underwriter

- Table for 10 in a prime location
- Company logo & recognition in the souvenir program, on-line auction, & social media campaign

Captain: \$4000

Table Level Underwriter

- Table for 10 in a prominent location
- Recognition during on-line auction

Engineer: \$3000

Table Level Underwriter

- Table for 10

Individual Tickets: \$300



Houston International Seafarers Center Maritime Gala 2024 Sponsorship Opportunities

<p>Platinum Sponsor \$5000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Gala tickets • 1 seat at the pre-event menu tasting • Special recognition during program • Company name & logo on placard at event • Company name & large logo in souvenir program, on-line auction & social media campaign 	<p>Gold Sponsor \$3000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Gala tickets • Company name & logo on placard at event • Company logo in souvenir program, on-line auction & social media campaign
<p>Silver Sponsor \$2000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company logo in souvenir program, on-line auction & social media campaign 	<p>Bronze Sponsor \$1000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company name in souvenir program, on-line auction, & social media campaign



Houston International Seafarers Center Maritime Gala 2024 Silent Auction & Wine Pull

Silent auction items: Many individuals and organizations, in addition to purchasing a table, donate items for the silent auction. Past silent auction items have included sports memorabilia, wine baskets, activity coupons, and historical maritime items.

Wine pull items: Many individuals and organizations, in addition to purchasing a table, contribute a case of wine (valued at \$20 per bottle or more), or a very special bottle of wine to the Father Patout Wine Pull.

Cash contributions: Contributors, in lieu of a live auction item or wine, can also make a cash donation towards a silent auction item or wine pull. The Gala Committee will then purchase an auction item or wine, recognizing the donor of the item on the auction sheet at the Gala or at the wine pull.





Become a table underwriter:

☐ Admiral \$8000

☐ Rear Admiral \$5500

☐ Captain \$4000

☐ Engineer \$3000

☐ Single Ticket \$300

Become a sponsor:

☐ Platinum \$5,000

☐ Gold \$3,000

☐ Silver \$2,000

☐ Bronze \$1,000

Become a silent auction item or wine pull donor:

Description of item or wine to be donated: _____

Cash in lieu of an item for the silent auction: \$ _____

Payment Information

Name/title _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Payment ☐ Check enclosed (Payable to HISC Maritime Gala)

☐ Please invoice me

Your contact information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship/auction item Display name

(Specify how you would like your company name to appear)

Name _____

Upon receipt of this form, an invoice will be sent for the contribution you have selected, with a letter of confirmation & explanation of benefits associated with that level.

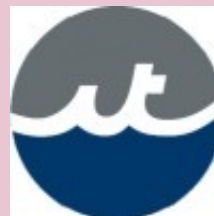
Have questions or need more information? Contact J.J. Plunkett at jplunkett@houston-pilots.com or 281-409-6119

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In 1963, a Belgian sea captain who immigrated to the U.S. had a dream of a place for seamen to go in the Port of Houston. He had sailed to Houston many times and had found that it had not received the name of "Worst port in the world" for seamen without cause. He dreamed of a great seamen center and sold this dream to several others involved in shipping. The result was the formation of the Houston International Seaman Center Inc.



In 1968 three ministers (Rev. Taft Lyon, Presbyterian; Rev. Sam Duree, United Methodist; & Rev. Rivers Patout, Roman Catholic) who were working together in an ecumenical venture, developed a vision of serving the many seafarers who visit Houston. The Port Commission Chairman at that time, Howard T. Tellespen supported the concept and recruited Houston philanthropist, Jane Blaffer Owen, among others, to turn this dream into reality. This was the beginning of a unique coalition that was to bring to existence a "one of a kind" service to seafarers.