

To all ITF Seafarers' affiliates

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Dear Friends & Comrades

We are delighted to inform you that '**Life at Sea 2023**', the 4th ITFST Seafarers' Photography Competition launched yesterday on the Day of the Seafarer.

Since the crew change crisis of 2020, this competition has been collecting seafarers' photographs and commentary documenting contemporary life at sea in all its highs and lows.

This initiative has developed into a major project to raise awareness of the critical, but often invisible, role played by seafarers in the global supply chain. We are having considerable success in connecting with galleries, museums and international organisations, showing exhibitions at events around the world; it is very important that your members' perspectives are included in the collection.

We already have a unique archive of some 4,000 images but we need your support to ensure that we truly represent the wide diversity of seafarers. If your members don't know about the competition, not only will they miss out on the chance to win cash prizes (£1,000 first prize, £750 second prize, £500 third prize), but their faces will not be seen.

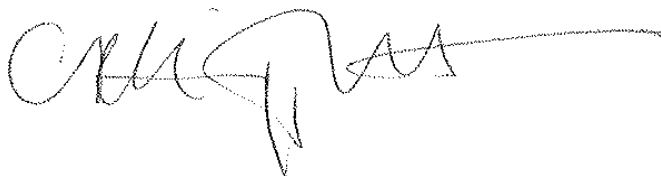
Please help us to promote widespread participation, by re-posting our social media posts and by directing your seafarers to our website where they can submit their photos to the competition:

<https://www.seafarerstrust.org/what-we-do/photo-competition-2023>

The closing date for entries is 15 August 2023.

Winners will be announced on World Maritime Day, 28 September 2023.

Many thanks for your support!



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