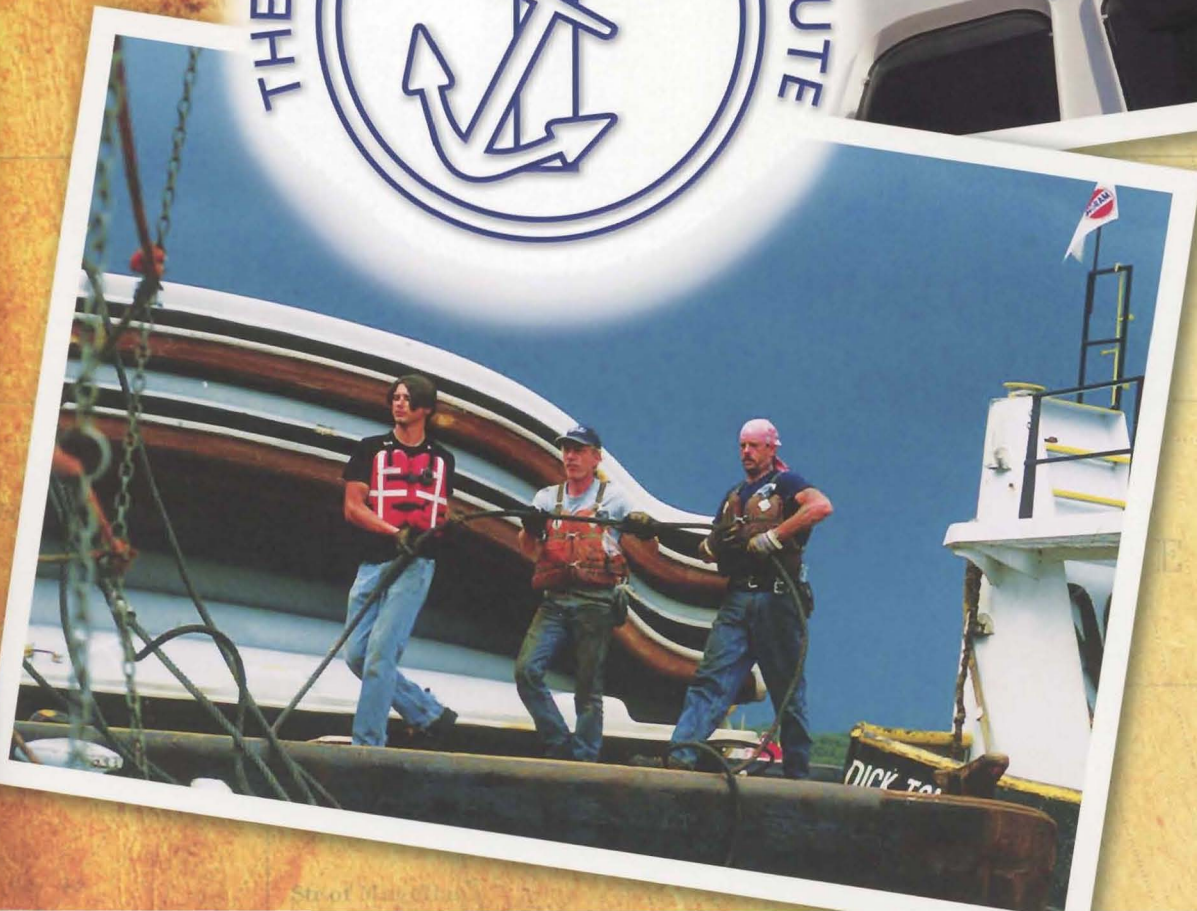


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Founded in 1834, the Institute is a voluntary, ecumenical agency affiliated with the Episcopal Church.

Executive Director's Message

For almost 175 years, The Seamen's Church Institute has embraced the physical and spiritual needs of mariners worldwide. As American and global shipping has changed, so has SCI; yet hospitality, training and safety remain our sole mission.

I am honored to bring you my first Annual Report as SCI's President and Executive Director. I thank the Rev. Jean Smith for her years of leadership and her incredible support for my transition. I stand on the shoulders of giants to lead the next generation of service to domestic and global mariners.

Our mission strategy continues to be three-fold: pastoral care and hospitality; legal support and advocacy; and continuing maritime education. In this Report, you will find our successes of the past year and our aspirations for the next.

On their routinely busy days, our chaplains confront life-changing events that can happen in the blink of an eye—a recent week found three chaplains responding to unrelated deaths at sea and on an inland river. On quieter days, they offer consolation to the lonely mariner facing a family dilemma on the other side of the globe.

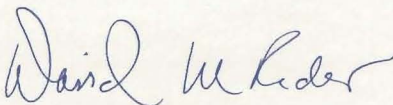
Our Policy, Advocacy and Law team supports global chaplains and individual mariners dealing with shore leave, repatriation, medical access and related issues, using the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 as our moral compass. We regularly join industry forums to enhance policy discussion, even as we sponsor leader dialogue to bring disparate parties to a common table.

Our Continuing Maritime Education division, housed in Paducah, KY and Houston, TX brings veteran captains, pilots and crews together for classroom and simulator training. Recently, I joined a team of Louisiana Offshore Oil Pilots as they coped with a runaway oil tanker bearing down on an oil platform. Fortunately, it was simulation and they did a fantastic job, but more than a century of collective manpower sweated bullets in the process.

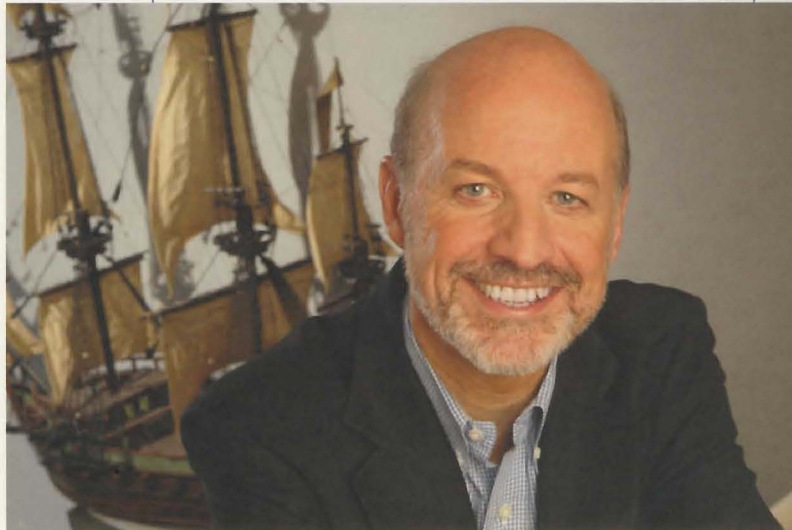
As SCI prepares for its 175th anniversary in 2009, I invite you to celebrate and participate in the dynamic energy of deep historic roots and cutting-edge service to global and inland river mariners. Water is as old as the hills, yet tomorrow's challenges inspire new opportunities to serve.

God bless you, our donors and supporters, for making this mission possible.

Faithfully,



The Rev. David M. Rider
President and Executive Director



The Rev. David M. Rider

MEET DAVID RIDER

The Rev. David M. Rider took over the Institute's helm on October 1, 2007. His proven experience as an administrator, innovator, and pastor will lead SCI's multi-faceted international and national programs and buildings in four states into new waters.

David comes to SCI after ten years with The Church Pension Group, where he was Managing Trustee of the Episcopal Church Medical Trust and Senior Vice President (Claims) of The Church Insurance Company. Since 2001, he has served as interim leader of two large Episcopal Churches, Grace Church in New York City and St. Mark's Church, New Canaan, CT.

David brings decades of experience in chaplaincy ministry, along with advanced management training, to his work at SCI. In addition to many years in parish pastoral ministry, he has been a hospital chaplain in Manhattan and a pastoral counselor in Washington, DC. While at The Church Pension Group, he completed The General Manager Program and additional training in nonprofit management in the Executive Education division of Harvard Business School.

Residents of Chappaqua, NY, David and his wife, Jackie, have a son in college and another in high school. A graduate of Carleton College, David holds three theological degrees plus certificates from the Washington School of Psychiatry and Harvard Business School. He is canonically resident in the Episcopal Diocese of New York.

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Chairman's Message

On behalf of our Trustees, I thank you for your financial support in 2007, and I ask for your ongoing generosity in 2008.

Our contributors strengthen an institution that touches the global maritime workforce, from the deckhand to CEO. Our chaplains visit inland tow barges and global ships from every flag state, witnessing the rich diversity and common humanity navigating the world's waters. We join industry discussions and initiate opportunities to bring government and transportation leaders together on issues like port security and shore leave. Our maritime education continues a busy training schedule, even as we work to upgrade our technology to remain state-of-the-art.

This year, I want to thank the Rev. Jean Smith and the Rev. David Rider for a seamless transition of executive leadership during the autumn of 2007. Jean dedicated her best years of ministry to this maritime industry and has become respected and beloved in the process. David promises a unique combination of continuity and innovation as he takes the helm.

Of course, people lie at the heart of our mission—the mariners we serve, our employees who carry out our work, faithful churchgoers who keep mariners in prayer, Trustees who govern our organization and donors who underwrite the cost of outstanding service. Together, we face exciting opportunities in the coming year:

- Continuing excellence in our daily operation of ship/boat visiting, pastoral care, educational and programmatic outreach.
- Capital upgrades to our Port Newark International Seafarers' Center, now in "dry dock."
- Technology upgrades to our Paducah and Houston simulators to maintain best practice.

With your continued support, I believe our best days lie ahead. Thank you for enabling our venerable and innovative mission.



George M. Isdale, Jr.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George M. Isdale, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

George M. Isdale, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Impressive statistics on the following pages graphically illustrate SCI's continued and growing commitment to training, compassion, and justice for all in the maritime industry. But numbers alone cannot convey the depth of our ministry or the impact this institution has on individual mariners' lives.

Rather, read in their own words how some have benefited from SCI's outreach.

"Merry Christmas! I am writing you from sea, just north of the Azores Islands and bound for Europe. On behalf of the entire crew of the M/V INTEGRITY, I would like to thank the Seamen's Church Institute for the generous gift bags you provided for each of the crewmembers on board.

Both the thoughtfulness and the utility of the gifts you sent are genuinely appreciated by all. Since we are headed for Northern Europe this week, the knitted items will certainly find ready use on board this ship.

I personally was moved that so many strangers took the time, not just to remember merchant mariners who are away from home on this traditional day of family and fellowship, but to invest the effort to send a handmade contribution to your program. Please convey to them the extent to which we all have been touched by their kindness."

— Jerome Thomas, Master M/V INTEGRITY, December 2007

"SCI's work on behalf of the Maritime Labor Convention 2006 is an excellent illustration of the prophetic mission of the Church in the world. By always insisting that the welfare of seafarers and their families be part of the convention and that the human element be at the heart of the delegates' preoccupations, they have contributed greatly to this convention."

— The Rev. Jacques Harel, General Secretary, Apostleship of the Sea, which is headquartered in the Vatican, October 2007

"On behalf of the river industry groups, The Ice Committee of Paducah and the Central Ohio River Marine Industry Group, I would like to express our appreciation to you for granting us the opportunity to address river-related safety issues pertaining to the two proposed bridges in the Louisville area.

The simulations at Seamen's Church Institute provided an excellent venue and resource to test the new sites both visually and physically. Seven different pilots were given an opportunity to experience various prevailing conditions from pool water to one hundred year flood conditions first hand. It allowed us to experience conditions during construction phases as well as after completion with a variety of tow configurations. This was truly an historical opportunity for the commercial towing industry, the United States Coast Guard, Bridge Branch, and the Wilbur Smith Associates to come together to address potential issues."

— Captain Les Grimm, Ingram Barge Company, November 2007

"I noticed a young man from the wait staff of the Queen Mary 2 crying on the phone. When he finished his call, I walked over. Within minutes, the young man explained that he was talking to his bride of only a few weeks. They married right before he boarded the ship and now he would not see her for eight months.

I comforted him the best I could. We prayed for his wife and for strength. We could feel the healing power of God's presence."

— SCI Chaplain, the Rev. Jacques Girard, Brooklyn Cruise Ship Terminal, July 2007



SCI Provides Pastoral Care and Hospitality in the Port of New York & New Jersey



*SCI Chaplain James Kollin
greet a seafarer.*

BUILDING NEW CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

SCI will establish a parish visitation program nationwide to enlist current and new congregations in SCI's mission through spiritual support, in-kind gifts such as Bibles or knitting, and robust outreach support. This includes new ordained positions of Church Relations Director, Maritime Chaplain Intern in Port Newark, and an additional chaplain for our inland rivers.

2007 Accomplishments

INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS' CENTER, PORT NEWARK

- 2,979 Ships visited in the Port of NY & NJ
- 21,795 Seafarers, truckers, and port workers used SCI's International Seafarers' Center
- 26,476 Seafarers transported by SCI vans
- 29,172 Book and magazines placed aboard ships in port
- 3,464 Money Transfer/Wire Transactions
- 3,327 Seafarers sought personal, pastoral, and vocational counseling
- 354 Religious services held onboard vessels

Life at sea has never been easy, and that remains true today. Storms still rage. Separation from loved ones for long periods of time remains the norm. Life on board a container ship with less than 25 crewmembers can feel confining. Briefer port calls and increased security protocols increase the stress.

In many ports, seafarers find only temptation and danger at the end of the gangway. In the Port of New York & New Jersey, The Seamen's Church Institute extends the hand of friendship and pastoral concern. Our chaplains, trained in recognizing and addressing fatigue, anxiety and depression and versed in seafarers' rights, assist thousands of seafarers on tankers, cargo ships, and passenger liners.

SCI staff at the International Seafarers' Center offer relaxation, recreation, and the opportunity for mariners of all faiths to meditate in the quiet beauty of our chapel.

SCI Serves Cruise Ship Workers in Manhattan and Brooklyn



SCI Chaplain Jacques Girard distributes Christmas at Sea gifts on the Queen Victoria.



Cruise ship crews can be away from home from three months to one year.

Like their colleagues on other vessels, cruise ship workers want to communicate with loved ones far away or talk with a trained chaplain about a problem. But there are differences.

A roll-on/roll-off ship carrying thousands of new cars needs only a crew of about 25 people. An ocean liner like the Queen Mary 2, has 1,400 crew members.

So our chaplains and staff at the Hospitality Centers in Manhattan and Brooklyn brace themselves as hundreds of workers descend the gangway for a few precious hours of shore leave. SCI chaplains help them send money home, purchase phone cards to call loved ones, or comfort a worker who missed a family celebration.

SCI staff gives cruise ship crew the same friendly smiles and attentive care that crew give to passengers.

WI-FI REALITY

Our hospitality centers at the cruise ship terminals in Manhattan and Brooklyn are undergoing thousands of dollars in technical upgrades to make wireless internet available to thousands of cruise ship workers. These upgrades will make it easier for seafarers to contact loved ones.

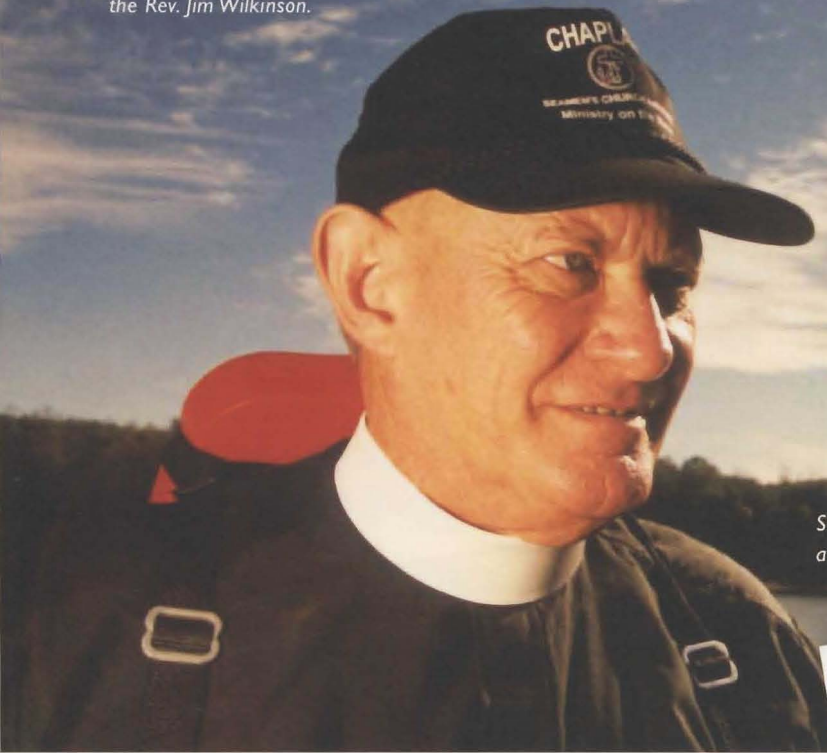
2007 Accomplishments

SCI HOSPITALITY CENTERS, PASSENGER SHIP TERMINALS IN MANHATTAN AND BROOKLYN

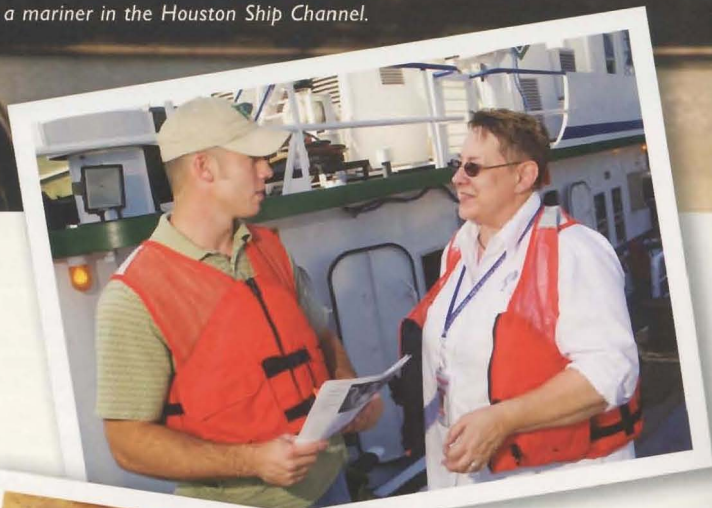
- 5,432 Money Transfer/Wire Transactions (Manhattan)
- 2,356 Money Transfer/Wire Transactions (Brooklyn)
- 211 Cruise ships served by SCI chaplains in Manhattan
- 51 Cruise ships served by SCI chaplains in Brooklyn

SCI Reaches Out to River Mariners

SCI Chaplain,
the Rev. Jim Wilkinson.



SCI Chaplain Pamela Stephens (right) visits
a mariner in the Houston Ship Channel.



The Institute's Ministry on the River provides round-the-clock aid to deckhands, mates and captains plying the thousands of miles of America's inland waterways. Crew can reach our chaplains day or night via a toll free telephone number.

Our Ministry on the River chaplains:

- Visit mariners onboard vessels
- Provide counseling both in person and over the phone
- Christen boats
- See injured mariners in the hospital
- Conduct funerals
- Lend a friendly ear
- Share a cup of coffee
- Provide newspapers and newsletters and
- Deliver hundreds of Easter on the River and Christmas on the River gift boxes to the crews on over 1,100 towboats.





The Houston Ship Channel.

Ministry on the River also partners with congregations throughout America. With approximately 2,800 inland and coastal vessels registered, the Ministry on the River team recruits support from communities of faith across the nation.

River Friendly Churches commit to:

- Train clergy to serve as volunteer, emergency chaplains
- Pray for mariners and the work of SCI
- Donate in kind gifts like knitting, candy or packing for Christmas on the River/Easter on the River
- Provide financial support via a proportion of their outreach giving.

ENTERING THE BLOGOSPHERE

SCI's new Chaplains on the River blog connects river mariners to each other, chaplains, and the public. Children can Adopt a Towboat as a civic or school pen pal project, and congregations can find outreach and prayer resources for our unique ministry.

2007 Accomplishments

MINISTRY ON THE RIVER

2,102 Mariners met or assisted by chaplains

305 Boats visited

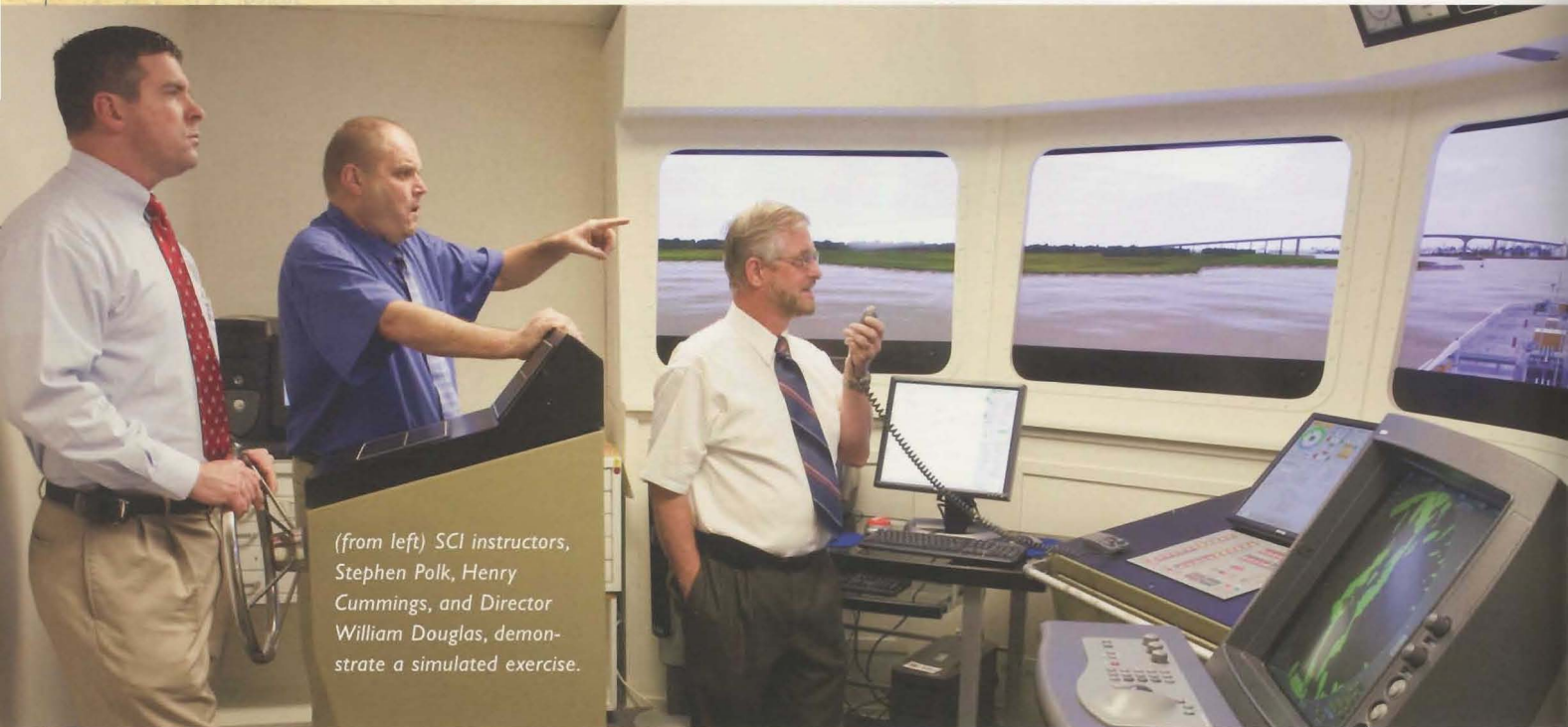
14,226 Books, videos, newsletters, and newspapers distributed

1,356 Bibles/New Testaments distributed

1,190 Volunteer hours logged in from Pittsburgh to New Orleans and the Gulf Region

8,451 individuals on **1,212** towboats received Christmas on the River packages onboard their vessels; **33** congregations (representing **6** different denominations) **6** schools and **62** companies made Christmas on the River possible.

SCI Conducts State-of-the-Art Navigation and Safety Training



(from left) SCI instructors, Stephen Polk, Henry Cummings, and Director William Douglas, demonstrate a simulated exercise.

EXPANDING EDUCATION IN HOUSTON

SCI's Houston Center now offers expanded educational opportunities. New instructors, Captain Henry Cummings and Captain Stephen Polk, bring their unique skills and hands-on experience to hundreds of mariners coming to Houston for advanced training.

2007 Accomplishments

MARITIME EDUCATION

- 1,100** mariners from 23 different companies received training at SCI – Paducah
- 237** mariners received fire fighting training at SCI – Paducah
- 688** visitors to SCI – Paducah
 - 3** bridge simulator projects completed Ironton, OH to Russell, KY; Louisville, KY to Jeffersonville, IN; and Utica, IN to Louisville, KY at SCI – Paducah
- 431** mariners from 12 different companies received training at SCI – Houston
- 660** mariners received counseling at SCI – New York

The Seamen's Church Institute conducts advanced training for more than 1,500 professional inland captains and pilots at our Paducah, KY and Houston, TX facilities.

SCI courses meet the specialized needs of skilled, knowledgeable professional mariners by using

- Adult education principles
- Sophisticated simulation technology
- Instruction and curriculum of the highest quality

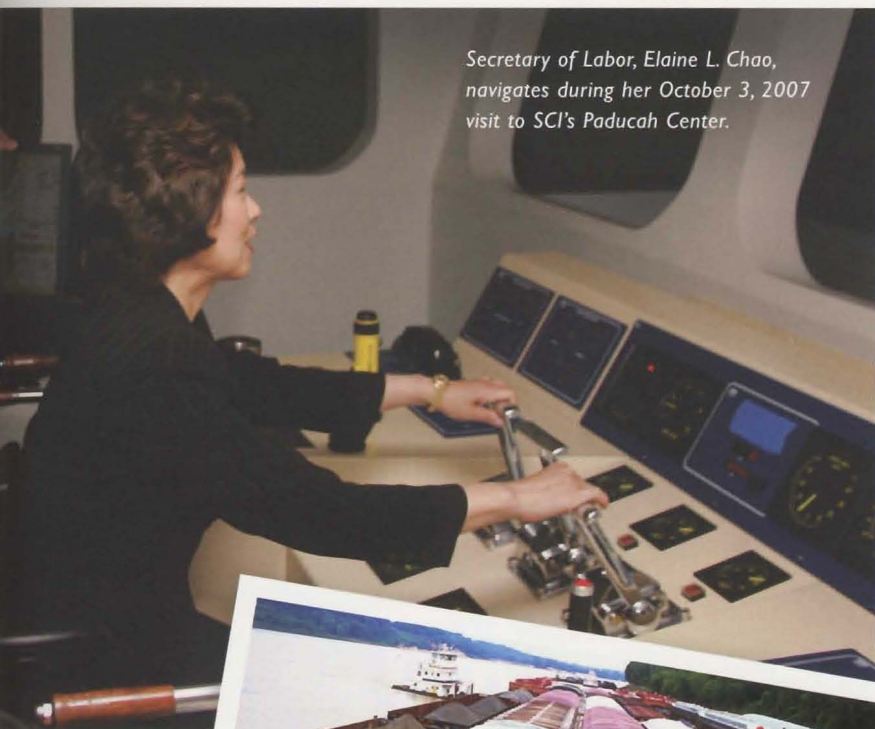
At our New York and Paducah facilities, SCI guides mariners through the application process required by the US Coast Guard for various licensing, documents, and certificates.

See our *2008 Curriculum Guide* at the Maritime Education page of SCI's website, www.seamenschurch.org, for a list of courses and simulations.



THANK YOU SCI

Secretary of Labor, Elaine L. Chao, navigates during her October 3, 2007 visit to SCI's Paducah Center.



"I have sailed as mate on a Tug and Barge unit for about two years and then two years as third mate. Recently I applied for my second mate's license with Boston Coast Guard. With ample amount of sea time and all my proper paperwork in order, I thought the license was a sure thing.

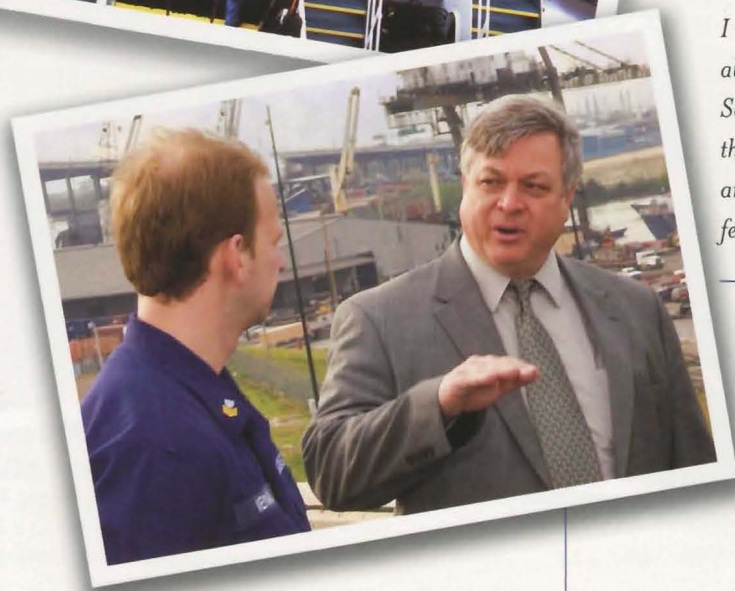
However a couple weeks later I received a letter from Boston stating that none of my time on the tug would count towards the upgrade. This came as a huge shock to me and to my company as they were expecting me to join a ship a month later as second mate.

I called the Coast Guard and tried to explain. But time and time again, I was told to go back out to sea for 90 days. I had done all that I could and was ready to give up.

That's when I called Seamen's Church Institute. I explained everything to [SCI Counselor] Ed Schultz and asked him for help. Ed knew exactly what I was talking about. After a couple weeks, he was able to provide the proper documentation and CFR references to the Coast Guard. I was granted my second mate's license. I report to my ship in two weeks as the new second mate.

I am sure I am not the only person with these types of problems and frustrations. I would have lost my position on the ship and about six months of time if it wasn't for the Seamen's Church organization. I am so thankful that a service like that is available and will speak very highly about it to all my fellow shipmates."

— Jarrett Podaski, 2004 graduate of Massachusetts Maritime Academy and seafarer employed with United Marine Services, January 2008



Eric K. Larsson (right), SCI's Director of Maritime Education and Training, in the Port of Houston.

SCI Safeguards Mariners' Rights Worldwide

The Seamen's Church Institute Office of Policy, Advocacy and Law serves as a worldwide resource for legal research, education, and advocacy on seafarers' rights. SCI also collaborates with law schools to provide hands-on learning opportunities for student interns at its Center for Seafarers' Rights in New York City.

2007 Accomplishments

Advocating in the US, SCI attorneys are:

- Coordinating with key partners to repeal or amend the US Seamen's Manslaughter Act under which mariners can be sentenced to ten years in prison for fatal maritime accidents caused by only simple negligence.
- Proactively monitoring proposed amendments to the US Penalty Wage Act to maintain protections for all mariners by deterring ship owners from arbitrarily withholding their earned wages.
- Protecting seafarers' right to shore leave and chaplains' access to ships against terminals charging exorbitant escort fees (up to \$1,400) by collaborating with the Coast Guard and seeking amendments to maritime security statutes.
- Ensuring that the new Transportation Worker Identification Credentials (TWIC) will take into account seafarers' and chaplains' requirements.

To safeguard merchant mariners' rights worldwide, SCI attorneys are:

- Working with International Christian Maritime Organization chaplaincies and maritime nations to promote ratifying the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC 2006) and a similar Convention covering workers on fishing vessels (ILO-188). SCI attorneys participated in ILO deliberations that produced both of these Conventions.
- Promoting international guidelines to protect the rights of seafarers involved in maritime casualty investigations.
- Providing immediate and no-cost legal aid and advice to merchant mariners and port chaplains worldwide. In 2007, SCI handled 95 new cases involving work-related issues, such as death benefits, security restrictions, repatriation, wages, and working/living conditions.
- Working with key government leaders to promote ratification of the Seafarers' Identity Document Convention (ILO-185). This would provide biometric identification cards that greatly increase maritime security worldwide and facilitate seafarers' shore leave.



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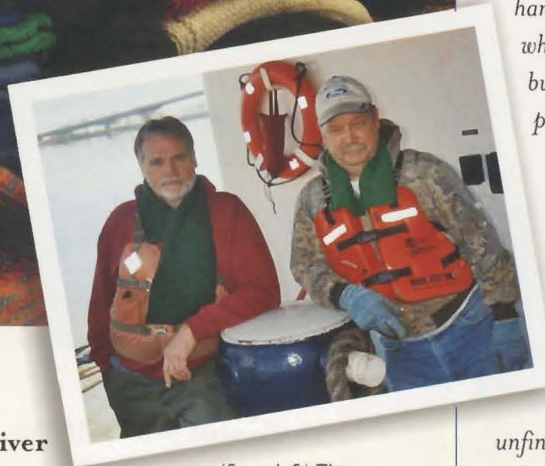


Douglas B. Stevenson, Esq., Director of SCI's Center for Seafarers' Rights (left) explains maritime law to the Rev. Megan Sanders, Maritime Intern (right), while SCI Chaplain Marjorie D. Lindstrom talks with SCI Staff Attorney Deborah G. Blanchard.

SCI Connects Local Churches with Mariners through Holiday Gifts and a Personal Touch



Jeanette DeVita, Program Manager of Christmas at Sea, counts knitted gifts.



(from left) Theo Kempter and Jerry Lucas on AEP River Operations' M/V Captain James Anderson wear scarves distributed by Christmas on the River.

Christmas at Sea/ Christmas on the River

Volunteers across America participate in Christmas at Sea by sending knitted and crocheted gifts. These symbols of love and hospitality are given to mariners far from home on Christmas Day.

SCI distributes handmade hats, scarves, socks, vests, and slippers to seafarers and cruise ship workers in the Port of New York & New Jersey. Our chaplains and River Friendly Churches include a specially-designed mariner's scarf in gifts to mariners working on America's inland rivers and waterways.

Christmas at Sea, a program born in 1898, is reaching out to a new generation of knitters. Even if you aren't on Ravelry or Flickr, connect with this lively group at our Christmas at Sea knitting blog at <http://blogs.seamenschurch.org>.

MEET THE WHIPSTICK KNITTERS

SCI was thrilled when the Whipstick Knitters found Christmas at Sea. Their love of seafaring and knitting is a perfect match for us.

"Whipstick Knitters are members of a larger Internet group called *The Gunroom*, which is devoted to discussing the novels of Patrick O'Brian, the era in which they take place, and, as we say, "everything else."

Our little group grew out of a lively discussion of knitting in the novels. Casting about for a name which would be both nautical and knitty, we thought of the whipstaff of a ship — which is a vertical steering stick attached to the tiller a deck below. We changed whipstaff to Whipstick to make us sound handy with our needles. Our motto, "Which it will be ready when it is ready!" is borrowed from Jack Aubrey's grumpy but devoted manservant, Killick, and is intended to put pressure on no one.

Columbus Day (in honor of another mariner) was chosen as the date to upend our seabags for muster and shake out our finished projects, mailing them to one member located in New York who then made the delivery to The Seamen's Church Institute.

We decided on a goal of 21 knitted items, as there are 21 books in the Aubrey/Maturin canon, including an unfinished one. Having met our goal earlier this year, we did a further volley, as it were, or a second read-through with two to spare, submitting 44 items in all."

—Whipstick Knitter Catalina, October 2007

NEW HOLIDAY THEMES

Watch for new seasonal promotions to help us exceed our gift goal and add an element of fun. Knit 4 Lent: 4,000 Hats in 40 Days just ended, but the summer fashion show is coming up!

2007 Accomplishments

- 8,450 Knitted gifts to deep-sea mariners
- 4,990 Knitted scarves to America's river mariners
- 750 Knitted gifts to cruise ship workers
- 3,461 Additional gifts (including handmade cards from children and/or cookies) for America's river mariners
- 17,651 Total gifts
- 214,384 Volunteer hours by Christmas at Sea knitters

SCI Annual Awards and Celebrations 2007

The parade of vessels at the 30th Annual Silver Bell Awards Dinner.



Silver Bell Awardee and Presenters: Efthimios E. Mitropoulos (Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization), Peter John Goulandris (SCI Trustee), and Gerhard E. Kurz (SCI Trustee).

13th Annual SCI Golf Tournament
Maplewood Country Club, New Jersey
May 7, 2007

30th Annual Silver Bell Awards Dinner
New York City
June 7, 2007

Silver Bell presented to Efthimios E. Mitropoulos
In recognition of his leadership in promoting safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans and advocating for the fair treatment of seafarers.

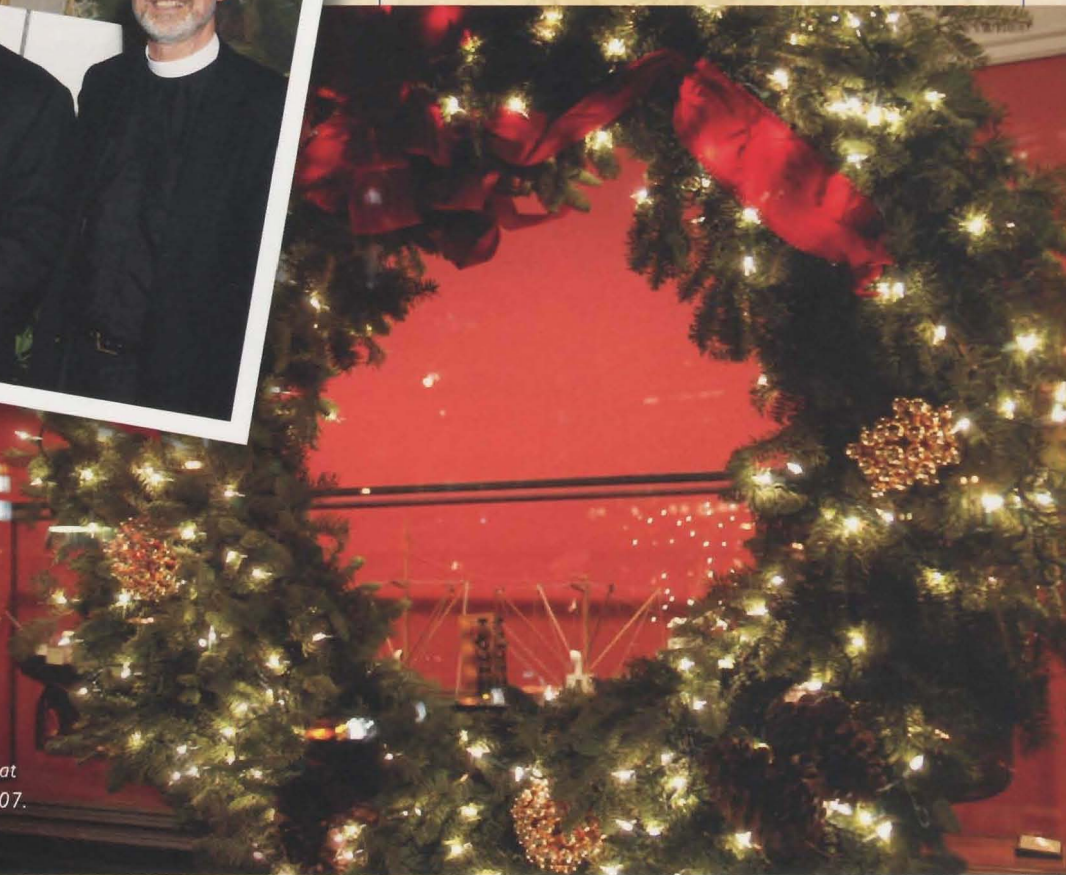
4th Annual SCI Golf Tournament
Drake Creek Golf Club, Kentucky
August 22, 2007

Pilot Boat Harbor Cruise
New York City
September 5, 2007

(from left) RADM Joel Whitehead, Commander 8th District, US Coast Guard; C. Berdon Lawrence, Chairman of the Board, Kirby Corporation and River Bell Awardee; and the Rev. David M. Rider, SCI's President and Executive Director.



SCI's lobby on the night of the Christmas at Sea Gala and Auction on December 5, 2007.



Maritime Training Benefit Luncheon

SCI – Houston Center
October 24, 2007

8th Annual River Bell Awards Luncheon

Paducah, Kentucky
December 13, 2007

River Bell presented to C. Berdon Lawrence

In recognition of exemplary leadership where his highly successful business acumen is combined with a dedication to education and safety for those who work in America's maritime industry.

Christmas at Sea Gala and Auction

SCI New York Headquarters
December 5, 2007

IN MEMORIAM

CAPTAIN PAUL STRIEGEL

1920–2008

River Legend Awardee
8th Annual River Bell Awards Luncheon

In gratitude for influencing generations of mariners throughout his lifetime by giving sage advice, encouragement, and sharing his incomparable knowledge of our nation's waterways.



Captain Paul Striegel at the River Bell Awards Luncheon.

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<i>(in thousands)</i>	2007	2006
Support and Operating Revenue:		
Contributions and grants	\$ 733	\$ 1,132
Program service revenue:		
Maritime Education and Training	1,730	1,990
International Seafarers' Center	564	497
Investment income, net	392	311
Special event income ¹	1,192	1,008
Other income	534	445
Total Support and Operating Revenue	5,145	5,384
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Maritime Education and Training	1,875	1,689
Ministry on the River	255	216
International Seafarers' Center	1,799	1,556
Chapel and Outreach	69	60
Policy, Advocacy and Law	373	392
Total program services	4,372	3,913
Supporting services:		
Management and general	2,063	2,182
Fundraising	1,088	1,136
Communications	144	198
Total supporting services	3,296	3,517
Total Expenses	7,667	7,429
Deficit of support and operating revenue over expenses	(2,522)	(2,046)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	1,494	3,099
Estimated loss at Port Newark Facility	(1,000)	—
Changes in net assets	(2,029)	1,053
Net assets at beginning of year	49,334	48,281
Net assets at end of year	\$47,306	\$49,334

¹Net of direct benefit to donors of \$201 in 2007 and \$172 in 2006

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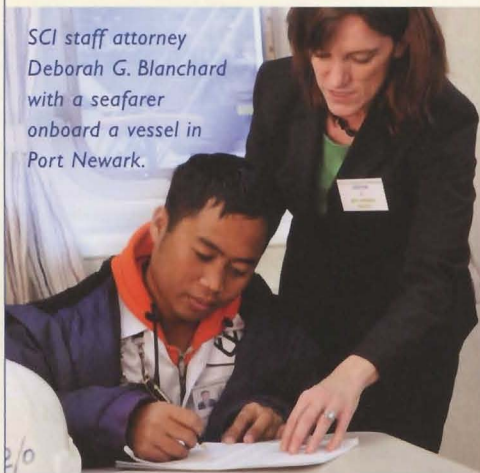
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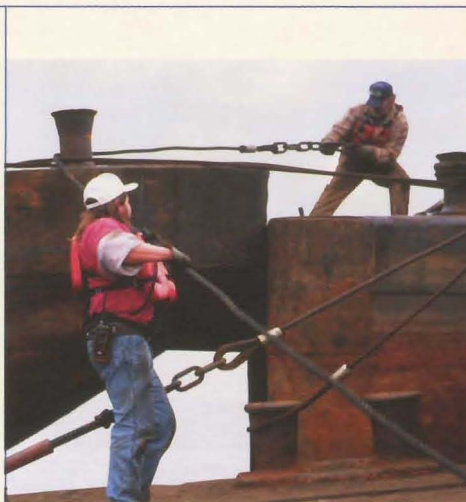
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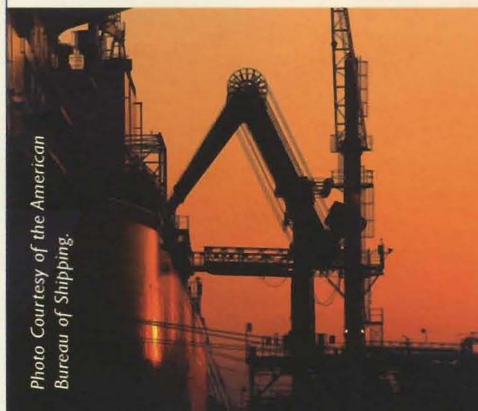


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In 2007, the Rev. Jean R. Smith, retired after leading SCI for five years.

With the Institute since 1990, Jean directed SCI's seafarers' services in the Port of New York & New Jersey. She became well versed in the challenges facing seafarers, stevedores, custom officials, and truckers. She made SCI's International Seafarers' Center the heart of a bustling port community.

When the Institute expanded its education program to river mariners in 1997, Jean devoted her energies to developing a program for them. A year later, she introduced the innovative Ministry on the River program, which provides hospitality and pastoral care to America's inland mariners.

Her dedication has been a source of inspiration to staff, the SCI board, maritime colleagues and countless mariners.

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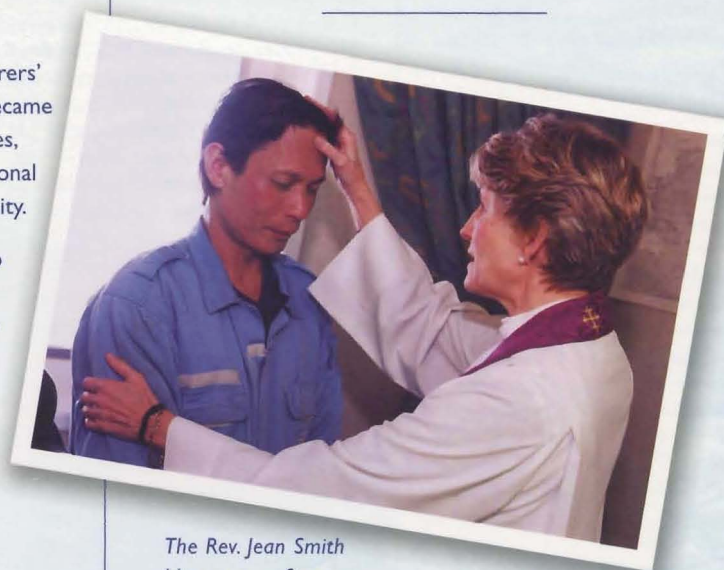
The Janet Lord Roper Society, created in 2004, honors people from all walks of life who remember the Institute through Planned Gifts.

Knitters, mariners, and families who built their lives and fortunes on the great waters are among this group of special people who want to ensure a strong, financially secure Seamen's Church Institute.

The Society is named after a woman who embodied the SCI's mission and ministry and was known as "Mother Roper" to generations of seafarers and one US President.

When SCI Trustee, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, heard of Mother Roper's death in 1943, he wrote to her daughter: "Men of the sea from all over the world brought their problems to her in full confidence of sympathetic understanding and practical helpfulness."

Have you made SCI part of your planned giving? If so, we want to thank you by inviting you to a Janet Lord Roper Society event. Please contact Jennifer Koenig, Director of Special Events & Donor Relations, at jkoenig@seamenschurch.org or call her at 212-349-9090.



The Rev. Jean Smith blesses a seafarer.

Dear Friend,

Since 1834, The Seamen's Church Institute has reached out in God's love to merchant mariners.

As we prepare for our 175th anniversary in 2009, we are reaching out to you — our established, new, and potential donors — to help SCI build on the successes of our past and chart the new directions outlined in this Annual Report.

Mariners are the backbone of global commerce. They transport billions of tons of cargo across the world's oceans and along America's rivers and waterways.

Unique in its ministry, SCI is often the only nonprofit service provider available to mariners on cruise ships, cargo vessels, tankers, tugs, and towboats.

In SCI, mariners find an advocate, pastor, lawyer, teacher, and friend who can understand their challenges, address their needs and thank them for their work.

Our simulator training programs, recognized throughout the shipping industry, provide continuing education that saves both crew and passenger lives and safeguards cargo.

Our legal advocacy protects the rights and well-being of every mariner through the global maze of international regulations and anticipates future challenges to mariner safety in upcoming legislation.

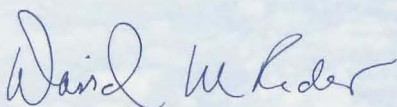
Our pastoral care offers real, personal and immediate support to needy and hurting crew members and their families 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

Our ministry of hospitality connects people in local churches to mariners worldwide through knitted Christmas gifts and other items, lovingly made, packaged and shipped in Christ's name.

Our mission would not be possible without the support of the individuals, churches, corporations and foundations listed in this Annual Report.

Please help us lay the foundation for our next 175 years of service, and donate now using the envelope in this Annual Report or online at www.seamenschurch.org.

Thank you,



The Rev. David M. Rider
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Highlights from the SCI Log (1834 - 2007)

1834

The mission of the Seamen's Church Institute begins at a meeting of the Young Men's Auxiliary Education and Missionary Society in Lower Manhattan.



1868

A house at 34 Pike Street near the bustling New York harbor is purchased and made into a mission house. It was used until 1906.



1913

Seamen's Church Institute at 25 South Street opens its doors, and thousands of seamen use its dormitories and bedrooms, dining and lunch rooms, soda fountain, mail facilities, chapel, reading and game rooms, auditorium, savings department, and employment bureau.

1921

SCI-sponsored legislation requiring first-aid certification for merchant seamen of the rank of master, pilot, mate or engineer was passed.

1844

The Floating Church of Our Saviour for Seamen, in use until 1866, becomes a recognizable symbol of SCI's mission in New York City's harbor on the East River.



1897

SCI provides crucial support to the passage of federal statutes that begin the successful battle against crimping, shanghaiing, and general exploitation of seamen.

1898

The Christmas at Sea Program begins.

1914

Nautical training for seamen starts at SCI's Merchant Marine School, helping thousands of seamen earn higher ratings.



1937

Shipboard services start with chaplains providing prayer, books, magazines, cards and games for shipboard use.



1939

First torpedoed crew of World War II arrives at SCI in New York City. During World War II, the pay of thousands of seamen is protected by The Institute.

Founded in 1834 and affiliated with the Episcopal Church, The Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) is the largest, most comprehensive mariners' agency in North America. Annually, its chaplains visit more than 3,400 vessels in the Port of New York & New Jersey and along 2,200 miles of America's inland waterways. SCI's maritime education program provides navigational training to nearly 1,600 mariners each year at simulator-based facilities located in Houston, TX and Paducah, KY. SCI and its maritime attorneys are recognized as leading advocates for merchant mariners by the United States Government, including the Congress, the Department of Homeland Security, the US Coast Guard, in addition to the United Nations, the International Maritime Organization, the International Labor Organization, and maritime trade associations. SCI will celebrate its 175th anniversary in 2009.



1961
Dedication of SCI's International Seafarers' Center in Port Newark.

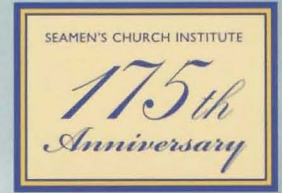


1991
Dedication of SCI's present headquarters at 241 Water Street in New York City.



2001
Dedication of SCI's – Houston Center which is located in the Port of Houston.

2005
SCI raises and distributes over \$155,000 for mariners affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



2009
SCI celebrates its 175th Anniversary.

1982
The Center for Seafarers' Rights is established to provide a central source for research, education, and assistance with the problems of seafarers' legal rights and to work with the international community to eliminate abuses.



1997
Dedication of SCI's – Paducah Center in Kentucky which is the first training facility for America's river mariners.

2004
The Seamen's Church Institute and Ukrainian officials sign a groundbreaking agreement to protect and strengthen the rights of Ukrainian seafarers.

2006
Dedication of SCI's Hospitality Center at the recently opened Brooklyn Cruise Ship Terminal where more than 93,000 cruise ship workers have access to SCI's social and pastoral care services.

2006
SCI's bridge simulation saves Kentucky \$50 million in construction costs.

1998
Ministry on the River begins as the only centrally organized pastoral service for mariners working along thousands of miles of America's inland waterways.





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