

ISC Seafarers' Log

The Official Newsletter of the International Seafarers' Center

"Meeting Seafarers' Needs Since 1982"

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ISC Calendar

Volunteer Training Bible Study on Hospitality 11 AM - 1:30 PM 307 Newcastle Street	8/11
Save The Date: International Night Out	9/23
CoastFest ISC booth 10 AM - 4 PM, Dept. of Natural Resources, 1 Conservation Way	10/1
Deadline for articles for our Fall newsletter	10/7
Brunswick Stewbilee ISC booth	10/22

SAFETY FIRST!!

By Robert Randall

Three members of the crew of the M/V Elliott Bay show off some of the new ISC bicycle helmets purchased with a large donation received from the girls and boys who participated in this Summer's Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Brunswick. The money is being used to buy helmets and cable locks and to keep our fleet of bicycles in good shape so that visiting seafarers can bike around town from our Newcastle Center. Many seafarers come from countries where bicycles are a common means of transportation. These three seafarers hail from China and spent a week with us in July. Some of this crew also took Chinese-language Bibles which were purchased with money from the First Baptist Church Kingdom Endowment Fund. **THANK YOU, FIRST BAPTIST!**



A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Valerie Crumpton



I hope that y'all are staying cool and hydrated in this extremely humid summer heat wave. I spent most of June visiting my family in Singapore and vacationing in Thailand where it was hot and even more humid than coastal Georgia. Staying dry is almost impossible as beads of perspiration will form immediately after you wipe the first band off. Thank God for air-conditioning and fans! Nonetheless, my husband Al and I had a wonderful time with family and friends whom we've not seen in a couple of years.

It's back to the daily grind and I would like to first thank the ISC Board of Directors for sponsoring and hosting their first inaugural Low Country Boil party in appreciation of ISC volunteers on June 27th. Our Board members not only contributed to the food, they were also actively dishing out sauces into little serving cups and helping our multiple award-winning Brunswick Stew and Chili chef, Ron Adams (who is on our Board), to cook and lay out the ingredients. My heartiest thanks go to Ron for not only prepping the food but who also put his culinary skills to work as he paddled (yes, there was a small oar) the huge pot of delicious low country boil. I must say that the shrimp from City Market on Gloucester St. is simply yummilicious! Ron also brought with him a wooden trough that he personally constructed to hold the cooked ingredients. In addition, there were also coleslaw, ice cream, brownies, and cupcakes that our Board members contributed. About 70 volunteers, staff and Board members attended the party. We had a great time feasting and being in fellowship that made the event a huge success! We can't wait for next year's Low Country Boil!

My gratitude and thanks to the North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA) for awarding the ISC an internship grant that allowed us to hire Jeffery W. Doke

as our new intern. The goal of NAMMA's internship grant program is to develop potential seafarer welfare ministry leaders who can continue the service ministry into the future. We are happy to welcome Jeff into our midst for three months. Jeff, a native of Brunswick, is a choir director at Lakeside United Methodist Church and has an extensive work history in the hospitality sector. As part of the internship requirements, Jeff will be taking online certification classes on ship visiting and seafarer welfare, participate in weekly webinars hosted by NAMMA, and gain practical first-hand experience by shadowing ISC staff and volunteers. We are excited to have Jeff onboard with the skills he has to offer.

Also, I would like to remind you to **SAVE THE DATE** for our **16th Annual International Night Out** that will take place on **Friday, September 23rd, 2016** at the **Morgan Center** on the beautiful **Jekyll Island**. Please call Vicki West at (912) 267-0631 to reserve your tickets early as space is limited. Every dollar received through this event will help us to continue being in service to thousands of merchant mariners who dock at the Port of Brunswick. More importantly, it will enable us to continue fostering international friendships and be ambassadors of peace and goodwill to a global community.

Yours in Christ,
Valerie

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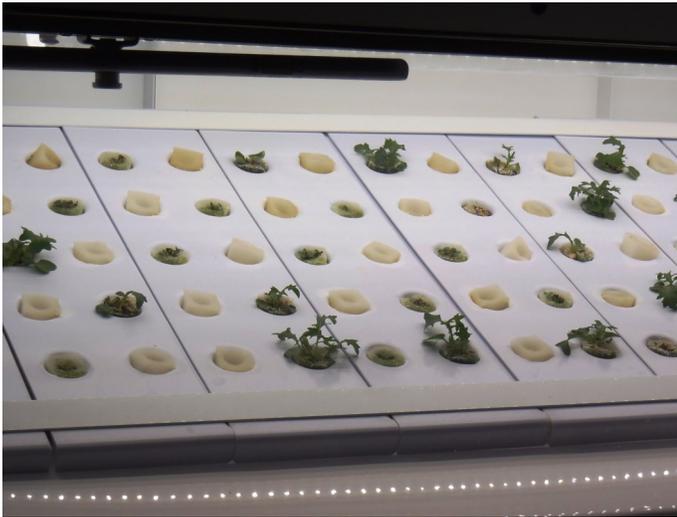
By John Samuelson

Victor Herbert & I were asked to do a ship visit aboard the 'Drive Green Highway', the newest member of the K Line fleet. We were advised that this ship was built in 2016 and thought that this would make it a really interesting visit.

The ship was built at Ariake Shipyard in Fukuoka, Japan and the crew took delivery in February of this year. The crew was placed in a hotel for 2 weeks while the ship was being outfitted which gave them the opportunity to get accustomed to the systems on board. Once they took delivery, they made 7 stops in Japan to show off their new, state-of-the-art, ship.



From Japan it sailed to Europe and began its regular cycle of Germany, England, Baltimore, Brunswick, Charleston, and then back to Germany where the cycle will begin again.



houses a glass enclosure containing a hydroponic vegetable garden. Produce from this garden should be ready to serve to the crew in 60 to 90 days.



The 'green' part of the Drive is a huge solar array consisting of 900 panels on the top deck. Solar energy supplements the power generating requirements of the ship and is expected to decrease fuel use by 25%. This ship also utilizes some design features in the hull to make it more efficient through the water and add to its stability. Another 'green' part of the Highway is the dramatic new engine technology which uses a water injection system to reduce oxides of nitrogen and sulfur. The Drive also



As part of the visit, we asked to see the ship's bridge where the crew was using electronic charts as their primary means of navigation with paper charts as a back-up. Currently, on most ships, it is the other way around, although electronic charts are becoming more common.

Although the K Line fleet is always well maintained, the Drive Green Highway was special because it was so new (note the photo of the new tie downs - it doesn't get much neater than this).

The Path We Are Given

By Jeff Doke

I can remember the first time I became aware of the International Seafarers' Center. It was 2001, and I was living in Gray, Georgia. I had left my hometown of Brunswick eleven years earlier, and I was always interested in hearing any news from my dear Port City. Most of the time, updates from Glynn County were limited to calls and letters from friends & family back home. Imagine my surprise when the story of the Agios Minas became a national media story!

In case you don't recall (or weren't living in the area at the time), the Agios Minas was a Greek owned ship that delivered a load of tree stumps, left port, and anchored 10 miles offshore while they awaited instructions. Once anchored, they got word that the company that owned the ship had gone bankrupt. Fearing that they would forfeit their wages if they left, the crew stayed aboard the vessel for 48 days. Fuel, food, and potable water were running low, and since the vessel was not a safety or security risk, the Coast Guard wouldn't help. That's where the ISC stepped in, coordinating volunteers and supplies, as well as the private vessels to take those supplies to the ship.

Keep in mind that this was before the tragic events of September 11, 2001. We were living in a different world then. It was a world where many of us had been lulled into believing that the world ended at our borders. That's what struck me as so inspiring at the time; how there was an organization in my hometown that was doing God's work for those in need around the world. It just so happened that the world was coming to us, not the other way around.

Time, as it has a tendency to do, goes on, and I, as did most of the world, forgot about the tribulations of the Agios Minas and her crew. I forgot about the mission work of the seafarers' organization that for the moment had inspired me. There were children to raise, careers to be pursued, and a life to be lived.

God, however, had other plans.

The children arrived and are still being raised, life continues to be lived, but the career (and the career after that) was simply not to be. I've always harbored a slight twinge of jealousy that my father was able to find a job after his time in the US Army and stick with that

job for 40 years. He was born at the beginning cusp of the "Baby Boomer" generation, whereas I was born smack-dab in the middle of "Generation X." My generation hasn't had the same long-term stability when it comes to employment as those that came before us, and I am very typical in that sense. There have been times where I thought "this is it. This is the job I will retire with." Alas, that has not been the case. Although my experiences have taught me a lot over the years, I'll be honest that it has been disheartening at times, and it has been difficult to see God's plans.

That's the thing about God's plans though, isn't it? They're not for us to comprehend. Sometimes the path is clear. Sometimes the path is overgrown and requires a little work to trudge on. Sometimes there are boulders that make what should have been an easy route utterly impassable. Sometimes the path completely disappears...and that is when we should listen even more intently to what God is trying to tell us. For me, my most recent path challenge has caused me to look at the possibility that maybe, just maybe, I've been focusing on the wrong kind of path.

Matthew 6:26 tells us "Look at the birds of the air: They do not sow or reap or gather into barns—and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" God the Father looks after us whether we want him to or not. His guidance and protection, paid in the blood of Jesus the Son, is a gift we only have to be willing to receive. Many would argue that the best way of repaying that gift is to go forth and do good works in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; to focus our energies not on what path we are taking, but what we can do to serve our fellow travelers along that path.

And then, sometimes, the path doubles back and crosses itself. That's the way I am feeling right now. At the same time that my most recent "career" path came to an unexpected dead end, my "service" path showed an opening; an opening with a ministry that I hadn't thought about in over 15 years. Boy howdy, if that's not a gentle nudge from the Almighty, I'm not sure what is!

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I'm extraordinarily appreciative of this opportunity to serve with the ISC. I've learned a lot in the week that I have been here, and I look forward to what is to come in the next 12 weeks...and beyond.



**In The Bond,
Jeff Doke**

more than enough. Just like the loaves and fishes in the Bible, we were blessed with plenty of leftovers for to-go bags.



Not only was the night filled with great food but the fellowship and sharing amongst the volunteers was so much fun.



How Low Can You Go?
By Vicki West



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS for always going above and beyond. Also a special thanks to Rick Haines, Dr. Patrick Holladay, James Vivencio and President Bill Dawson for being out with Ron in the extreme heat of that evening. Thanks to Linda Haines for decorating. It is so rewarding to be part of such an amazing ministry!

On June 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm ISC truly became a haven for the doggone best Southern Low Country Boil ever eaten.

Our awesome ISC Board members voted unanimously to sponsor this event. They wanted to show their appreciation to all of our outstanding and selfless volunteers. A special thank you goes out to Ron Adams for initiating and spearheading the evening's delicious food extravaganza. 64 of our volunteers ate until they had





“Ocean going ships will always inspire young minds to raise their head and look to the horizon and over the seas.”

Captain Jan Eriksson, Master of M/V AIDA

While we want to give an overview of the spring activities of Port-As-Classroom (PAC), some of the most exciting news came at the end of the school year. There is no higher complement to an organization than to receive funding and we are happy to report that PAC is the recipient of grants from The Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation, St. Simons Rotary Club, and the Episcopal Churchwomen of Christ Church, Frederica. We are very appreciative of the recognition of the work that PAC represents.

In March, students from Risley Middle School visited the International Auto Processing (IAP) facility on Colonel’s Island. IAP is the pioneer auto processing facility serving the port of Brunswick since 1986.

Guided by Don Asdell, VP and CCO, the students walked through the process of preparing Hyundai and Kia automobiles for delivery to dealer showrooms in the southeastern quadrant of the U.S. The students walked through the different buildings following the route a vehicle would take to make it ready for delivery. They learned about the changes necessary to meet safety standards in different countries as well as what equipment must be added to satisfy special requests.



IAP processes automobiles from General Motors (USA), General Motors (Korea), Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Mercedes Benz, and Toyota. Since their beginning in Brunswick, they have processed over 5.3 million new, imported, and exported automobiles.

In April, the Tallulah Falls School eighth grade students and faculty made their annual field trip to learn about Colonel’s Island port operations and the importance of the port to the community and to world trade. Each year students and faculty spend nearly a day touring Colonel’s Island, learning the impact and importance of the automobile and agri-bulk trade to the world.

Students from Risley Middle School on tour of the Kia and Hyundai automobiles processing operation at the International Auto Processing facility.

Bill Dawson, General Manager, Port of Brunswick, and Jack McConnell, Director, Port-As-Classroom, guided the group around the port, highlighting how the port has increased in size to handle the growth in capacity and its ranking in the US as #1 in finished vehicles and #2 in the nation for all types of “roll-on/roll-off” vehicles exported. The group was similarly impressed with the 85 % growth last year in domestic bulk trade.

The students also got to visit and tour the Mercedes Benz processing facility, seeing two new models that had not been released to dealers. They got to sit in and take pictures in a number of the automobiles on display, listen to the engines “roar”, and also follow a new limo through the processing procedure. Tallulah Falls is a College Prep Day and Boarding School located on Cherokee Mountain in northeast Georgia.

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2015-2016 marked another successful PAC endeavor. We end each school year with students creating and presenting a final project that demonstrates their understanding, learning, and enjoyment of their participation. Every year we are pleasantly surprised and impressed with their creativity! This year teachers used a grading rubric to add value to the assignment. We also asked the students to complete an evaluation of each session and invite feedback for improvement.



NCIS Special Agent Alec Wildes familiarizing students at Risley Middle School with the various uses of handcuffs.



Student from the Jane Macon Special Access class learning about weight and balance by trying to float a weighted boat.

After all the presentations we celebrate. You would never guess that middle school students are thrilled at the sight of a cake with their school's name and logo and a prize for their efforts. It is a fun way to culminate the valuable experiences for all of us.

Testimonials

Some memorable quotes from PAC students

"The Port as Classroom offers students a port hole to an interesting industry."

"Students learn about the commerce and jobs that ships bring to Brunswick through the port."

"I learned many new things and met many new and interesting people".

"When two women came [to class], I was surprised because I always thought sailors were men".

"I got to meet new people and to think about my job options that I might like to try".

"The activities of the port itself and of the ships entering it offer a rich context for learning."

And this beats them all: "The Port-As-Classroom is the best class in the world!"

OUR THANKS GO OUT TO...



The ISC thanks the **First Baptist Brunswick Vacation Bible School** for their donation to the Center. The check was presented by the Reverend Dr. Chris Winford, Senior Pastor and Mrs. Melody Wilkes, Director of Preschool & Children. Receiving the donation are Mr. Henry Harvey, ISC Board Member and Valerie Crumpton, ISC Executive Director.” Photo Left to Right: Henry Harvey, Melody Wilkes, Valerie Crumpton and Rev. Dr. Chris Winford.

The ISC thanks the **Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation** for their donation to Port-as-Classroom. The check was presented by Ms. Mary Root, Board Member of the Foundation, Receiving the donation are Mr. Bill Dawson, President of the ISC Board of Directors, Jack McConnell, Port-as-Classroom Director and Valerie Crumpton, ISC Executive Director.” Photo Left to Right: Bill Dawson, Jack McConnell, Val Crumpton and Mary Root



Thanks so much to **Barbara Caples** for these beautiful totes she made for us. This donation makes ship visiting safer for our volunteers. Photo left to right: Vicki West, Barbara Caples and Robert Randall



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SAVE THE DATE

Come and party with us at our 16th Annual International Night Out

September 23, 2016 Morgan Center, Jekyll Island 6 p.m.



Join us as we take an incredible food voyage on the Oceans of the World to France, Spain and Brazil.

Dance to the jazzy tunes of the Coastal Empire Orchestra.

Win fabulous auction items!

Great fun awaits so don't hesitate!

Tickets for this event are \$100 each.

Call Vicki at (912) 267-0631 to reserve your tickets.

Space is limited so call now.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

Have a passion for the maritime life? Enjoy learning about world cultures? Like making new friends?

Call us at 912-267-0631 to find out how you can be involved in our mission.

Volunteer or Donate, we need your support. Please call 912-267-0631 today!



Captain Mahesh C., of the Wisteria Ace, provided a delicious dinner for our volunteer Chaplain, Rev. Becky Rowell, Robert Randall and Vicki West (not pictured) as a “thank you” for services provided during their stay.

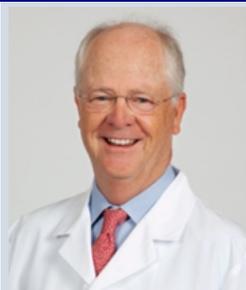


The Golden Isles Maritime Club is the only community organization dedicated to supporting Brunswick's local maritime community. It is a principal supporter of the International Seafarers' Center, the Golden Isles Maritime Day, Port-as-the-Classroom project and other educational and historical initiatives.

Interested in joining the club...check out our website at www.maritimeclub.org

SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM

Research Offers Hope for Damaged Knee Cartilage



J. Melvin Deese, M.D.

Imagine using your own cells to repair damaged knee cartilage. That is the goal of research being done by J. Melvin Deese, M.D., board-certified orthopaedic surgeon at Summit Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Surgery, a strategic affiliate of Southeast Georgia Health System. Deese is one of the few surgeons selected to investigate the NOVOCART® 3D cellular implant system. He was chosen as principal investigator for his previous experience with cartilage transplants and because the Health System has a dedicated research department. Denny A. Carter, M.D. and Beau Sasser, M.D. were chosen as subinvestigators.

The NOVOCART system is under study for repair of articular cartilage defects in the knee as well as osteochondral lesions, which occur in the cartilage and supporting bone. The lesions are usually caused by blood loss related to trauma, but in some cases their cause is unknown. Left untreated, they lead to degenerative arthritis.

While NOVOCART 3D has been used in Europe since 2003, it has not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Deese will evaluate a procedure using NOVOCART 3D in two separate surgeries. “In the first surgery, we remove a small amount of knee cartilage, about the size of a pencil eraser. We then send this cartilage to the NOVOCART manufacturing facility where it is processed for re-implantation. The cartilage cells are cleaned and grown in a sterile container, then placed onto a 3-dimensional sponge-like scaffold,” Deese explains. These cells are called autologous chondrocytes. “Autologous meaning from yourself; chondrocytes meaning cartilage cells,” Deese says.

During a second surgery about three weeks later, Deese will clean the damaged area of the knee cartilage and implant the sponge-like scaffold into this space. Previous methods used a flat, two-dimensional sheet of cartilage cells. In contrast, the NOVOCART three-dimensional scaffold actually fills the cartilage defect.

The trial will compare the three-dimensional procedure with microfracture, the current treatment for cartilage defects. In microfracture, a surgeon drills small holes into the defect to stimulate fibrocartilage growth. “Unfortunately, this fibrocartilage is not the same as true articular cartilage,” Deese says, adding, “Our primary objective with this study is to demonstrate the superior efficacy of NOVOCART 3D, compared to microfracture. We will then seek FDA approval.”

The trial will last for five years after the last participant is enrolled. “We’re recruiting subjects and expect 233 to participate,” Deese says. While NOVOCART 3D is still experimental, it is promising for people with damaged cartilage. “Once a procedure is proven effective and approved for use in one part of the body, other joints are studied and become approved for its use. The chances for that greatly improve after a successful trial and FDA approval,” Deese explains.



Denny Carter, M.D.

To inquire about participating in the NOVOCART 3D trial, call Gwen Gratto-Cox, clinical research coordinator, at Summit Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Surgery, 912-466-7379.



Beau Sasser, M.D.



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Socks	Soap / Body wash	Chap stick	Phone cards (\$5 at ISC)	Crackers / Pretzels /	Novels – all languages
Handkerchiefs	Toothbrush	Baby oil	Note pads / envelopes	Nuts	Flash/Thumb Drives
Gloves	Toothpaste	Band-Aids	Pencil sharpener	Gum / Candy	CDs, DVDs (new or used)
Knit caps	Shaving cream	Antibiotic ointment	Post cards	Raisins	Playing cards
Baseball caps	Razors	Deodorant	Address book	Dried Fruit	Sudoku puzzle books
T-shirts	After-shave lotion	Bath Soap (bar or liquid)	Highlighters	Canned meat (pop-top)	Key chains
Scarves	Combs	Hand Lotion	Book marks	Juice	Sewing kit
underwear (size M)	Manicure kit	Kleenex	Calendars <i>(upcoming year)</i>	Mints	Flashlight with batteries
undershirts (size M)	Small scissors	Vaseline		Popcorn	
Long Johns (size M)	Lotion	Q-tips			
Jackets (size M-L)	Hair Gel	Toothbrush			
Sweaters (size M-L)		Toothpaste			

ISC MISSION STATEMENT

The ISC mission is to provide seafarers with a safe harbor that they can call home. The ISC provides services that meet the spiritual, emotional, physical and material needs of seafarers who visit the Port of Brunswick.