

ISC Seafarers' Log

The Official Newsletter of the International Seafarers' Center

"Meeting Seafarers' Needs Since 1982"

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Low Country Boil 5:00 pm-6:30 pm St. Simons Island American Legion	10/25/20
Live drawing for the 2020 Hyundai Santa Fe @7:00 pm on Face Book and You Tube	10/30/20

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A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...*Vicki West*

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fade, BUT the word of our God stands forever."



In these times of unrest and uncertainty, the word of the Lord never changes. There are 365 "fear not" related passages in the Bible. I think it is pretty important to our God that we heed His word and not fear. The Word of the Lord also states that the latter will be greater than the former. We at the ISC are walking in this truth.

It is true that our volunteer ranks have dwindled (for now) to the bare minimum due to Covid-19, BUT our marvelous volunteers, who continue pressing ever forward, are over the top in their service, making sure our seafarers' needs are being met. Thank you all!!

It is also true that our revenue is down considerably due to the effects of Covid. Seafarers have not been able to shop in our stores or take advantage of our transportation services and our two major fundraisers for the year had to be cancelled. BUT GOD! The Lord orchestrated a \$30,000 donation from our anonymous donor that led to a raffle with the opportunity to win a new car. Thank you!

Our concierge service continues as we try to bring comfort to the seafarers any way we can. I would ask that you keep our seafaring friends in your prayers. Due to this virus, many had to sign an additional contract because they could not return home. A lot of seafarers have now been confined to their vessel for at least 16 months.



The year 2020 continues to move forward and our Christmas-at-Sea program is about to take off. Each year we give gifts to every seafarer that comes into our Port between Thanksgiving and Orthodox Christmas. Your generosity is always overwhelming in our efforts for this amazing program. This year it is even more crucial due to the seafarers being on board the vessels so long and so unsure as to whether they will be able to go home. You will see a list of items, on page 11 of this newsletter, needed to ensure we have plenty for all.

For all of you who continue to be so very faithful in your partnership with the ISC, THANK YOU from the bottom of our heart!! We could not do this without you!!! If you have not partnered with us, yet, NOW is a great time to do so. We would love to have you come on board as a financial donor, a volunteer or BETTER YET BOTH!! You can do either or both at our website, www.seafarerscentr.org. We would also invite you to come in and let us meet you personally at 307 Newcastle Street, in downtown Brunswick.



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**Love in Christ,
Vicki**

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MV MOZU ARROW
Peter Boyton

On September 30, 2020, a very large, unique, peculiar box showed up on the water at Mayor's Point Terminal. It was the MV Mozu Arrow, a G2 Ocean ship in the **Totally Enclosed Forestry Carriers (TEFC) Class**. G2 Ocean operates three of these ships, the Mozu Arrow, the Swift Arrow and the Grouse Arrow, all were built in 1992. This is the first time a ship of this type (also called a Timber Carrier) has ever docked in the Brunswick Port. One of the stevedores told me that he worked on a similar ship a long time ago in Savannah. The Mozu brought wood products to Brunswick and loaded large rolls of paper.

The Mozu Arrow sails under the flag of the Bahamas and her carrying capacity is 42276 t DWT. Her length overall (LOA) is 607 feet (185.2 m) and her width is 98.4 feet (30 m), almost as big as the RoRo ships that dock at Colonel's Island.

So what is so unique and peculiar about this box? The shape, the ship is literally a floating box. It is a lot like the STAR paper ships that have been coming to Brunswick to load paper, it has two onboard cranes and multiple large deep holds. The big difference is that the Mozu Arrow is enclosed; a large metal enclosure covers the entire deck. The bridge is amidships on top of the box and the living quarters are all on the stern. The exposed bow is very small and contains anchors and ropes for berthing.

The photographs tell the story:
(more photos on page 4)



Internal view from the stern looking forward, both side doors are open on the left...



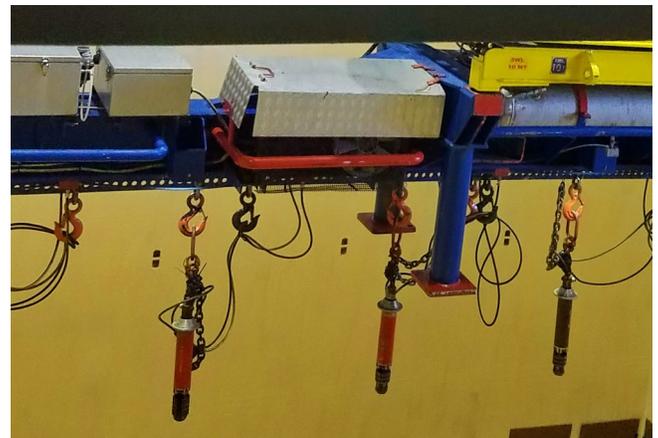
External view from the stern looking forward



9 rolls going down into the hold

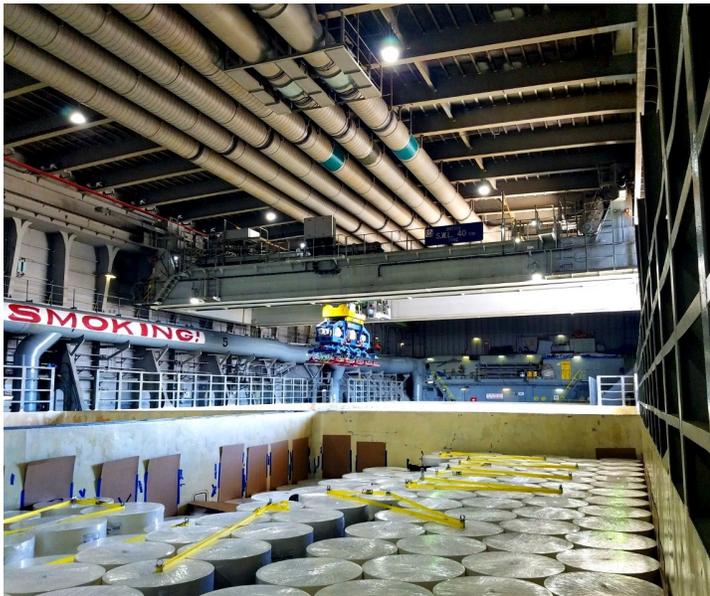
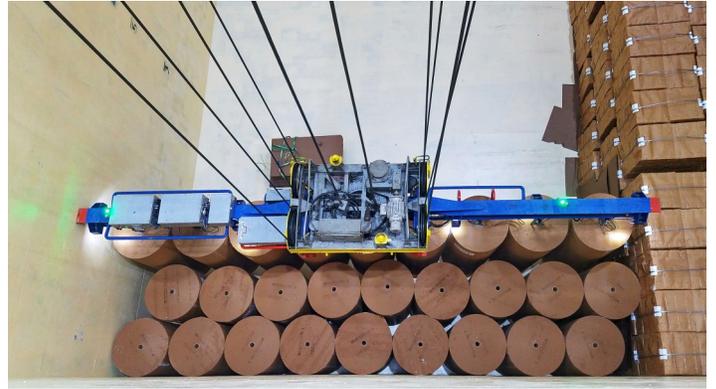


Each roll of paper weighs 3.7 tons, so the crane is loading 33.3 tons at a time. Clearance is very tight as you can see, crane is as high as it can go and the paper just clears the edge of the hold. Hold is 57' deep, the next photographs show these 9 rolls of paper going down into the hold.

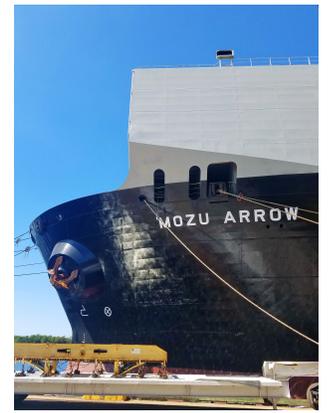


Each probe goes down into the top center of a roll of paper, bottom end expands, crane lifts 3.7 tons of paper on each probe!

MV MOZU ARROW...continued



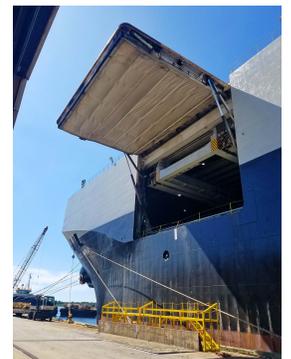
Looking down into a full hold, with another hold to the left and one large side to side hold up ahead



Walkways go between the holds



Different views of the bow



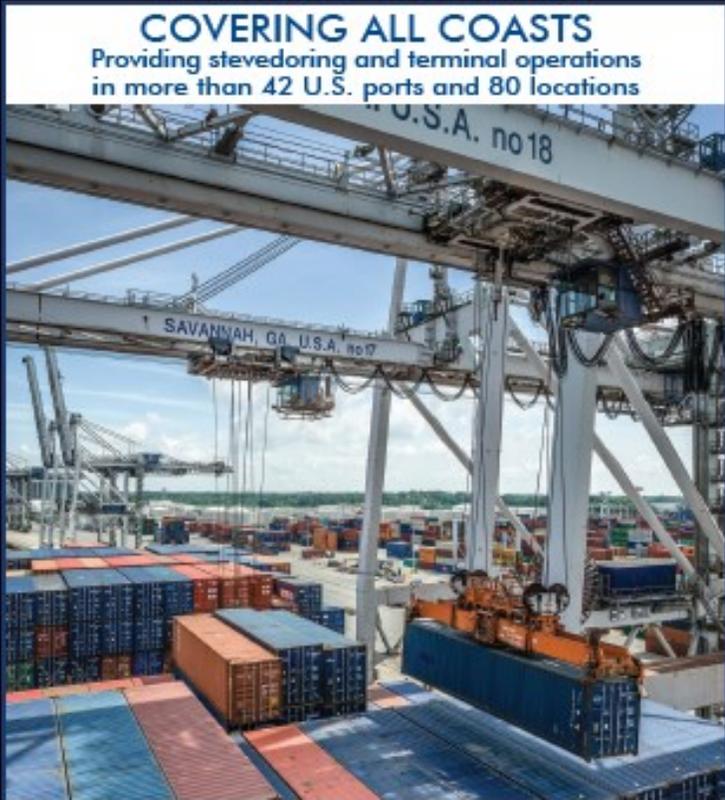
WHY VOLUNTEER?

Doris Wadd

Well, with this Damndemic Covid 19 (not a typing error) we are doing things very differently than we ever thought we would; wearing a mask into our banks, not shaking hands with business associates, staying six feet from each other, and can't even hug our loved ones. That being said, let me give you a bright spot to focus on, the International Seafarers' Center.

On September 30, 2020 the Grande Halifax, berthed at Colonel's Island. The seafarers were allowed off the ship (first ship to do so in weeks), and came into our store on the port. Oh happy day!!!! Most of the crew were from India. One young man caught my eye, he was face-timing on his phone while he shopped buying shampoo, hand cream and other personal items. I noticed he was smiling and laughing the whole time. When it was time for him to check out, he showed me a picture of his wife, he was all smiles when he spoke about her. He said the personal items were for her. The last time he was in our store a long time ago, he had purchased the cream for her and she wanted more. He said he was so glad to come to Brunswick, because he could get his wife something she liked and could not get at home. He asked me if I wanted to say hello to her; of course I did. She was a lovely young lady, all smiles and happy to talk to someone in America. He told me they are expecting their first baby in March, and if all the shipping schedules stayed in place, he would be home for the birth. I asked her if they were having a boy or a girl and in her broken English she said, "be a surprise" and giggled.

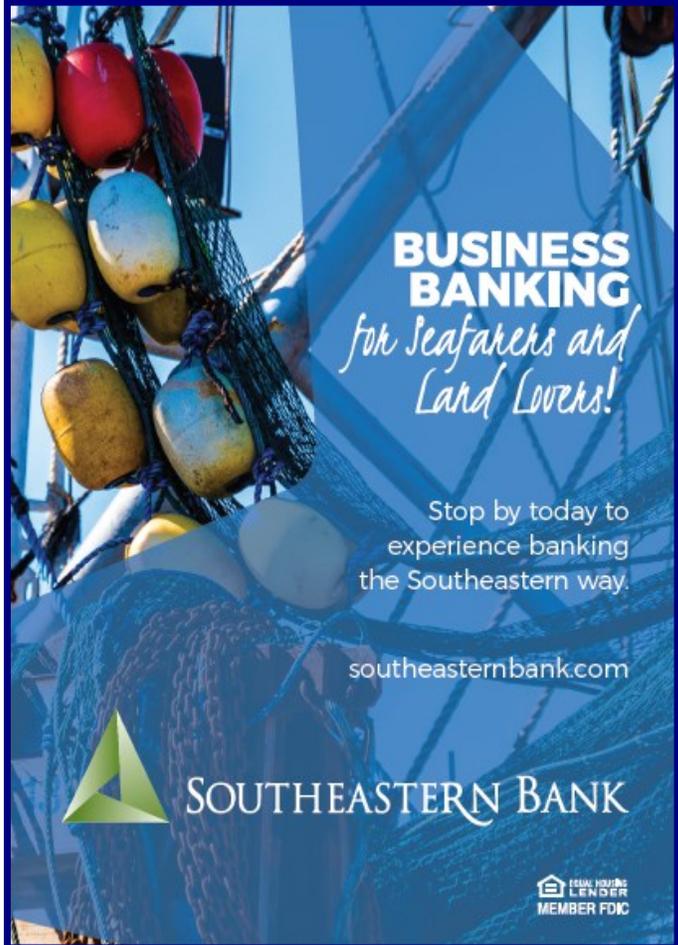
That exemplifies what the International Seafarers' Center is all about. I do not know about you, but if I was not already involved, I would sign up today as a volunteer.



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*Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the
mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous
works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy
wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. Then they cried to
the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their
distress; he made the storm be still, and the
waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were
glad because they had quiet, and he brought
them to their desired haven.*



Psalm 107:23-25, 28-30



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FACES OF JOY

Van Black

How do you spell relief? If you have been stuck on a RoRo for nine (yes, nine) straight months and you are finally off the ship at Colonel's Island and set foot on solid land for the first time, that's relief! That is what the 24 crew members of the Grande Baltimora experienced when they arrived at the International Seafarers' Center at Colonel's Island in Brunswick, GA on September 28, 2020. They descended on the store, opened up their wallets and started a buying spree. Candy bars, cookies, and coconut milk never tasted so good. The next stop was the clothing room where some restocking of shirts, coats, and hats took place. Finally, it was time for a round or two of pool while perusing the library for some free reading material. The seafarers warmly expressed their appreciation for the Brunswick Seafarers' Center. One sailor commented that he had been to Brunswick over a year ago and that it was his favorite port in the whole world, because the people were so friendly in Brunswick.



Even a Mask Can't Hide the Smile of a Seafarer on Dry Land for the First Time in 9 Months

Unfortunately, two hours prior to the scheduled departure of the Grande Baltimora, the crew was called back to the ship as their shore leave was cancelled to prepare the ship for sailing. Crew members universally expressed their appreciation for the hospitality of the Seafarers' Center and looked forward to the time when they would return. Bonds of friendship and love had again been forged between people from different sides of the world. The seafarers had been able to recharge their batteries and were prepared to resume their duties with energy and happiness.



Happiness is a Game of Checkers after being stuck on board for 9 months



Let the buying spree begin...

CHRISTMAS STORY AS TOLD BY A TREE

Doris Wadd

I do not remember much before I was pushed into a tiny pot with four other little seedlings in 2015. At that time, we became one. The next thing I knew I was taken to the International Seafarers' Center at Colonel's Island and became part of their Christmas decorations. A pretty red ball and silver glitter was given us to be part of the decorations. Great assignment for a lowly little seedling.

Christmas came and went, what a great time; everyone thought I looked so cute in my decorations. This was all about to change! The volunteers started to remove the decorations and store them away for another year. I waited to see where I was going to be put. Well, I waited and waited, nobody paid any attention to the little seedling. All the decorations were packed away and still, there I sat. The days passed, no one thought to give me a drink of water. I got so dry and felt sad because no one thought about me.

Then one day a different volunteer came in, she called the office and asked what to do with me. "Oh just throw it away, the decorations have all been put away." She explained I was a live plant and people did not just 'throw them away'. "Do whatever you want to do with it!" Oh happy day, she took me home and put me in a new larger pot, watered and fed me some good plant food, and put me in her window where I could get the beautiful morning sun. That's right, every morning I get to see God's beautiful sun rise over the Marshes of Glynn. How lucky can a forgotten little seedling be?

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- Handkerchiefs
- Gloves
- Knit Caps
- Scarves
- T-shirts

Toiletries

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap/Body wash
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shaving cream
- Razors
- After-shave lotion
- Combs
- Manicure kit
- Small scissors
- Lotion
- Hair Gel

Medical / Health

- Tylenol / Aspirin
- Chapstick
- Band-Aids
- Antibiotic ointment
- Deodorant
- Bath Soap
- Hand lotion
- Kleenex
- Vaseline
- Q-Tips

Stationeries

- Pencils/Pens
- Note pads
- Post-Its
- Highlighters

Food

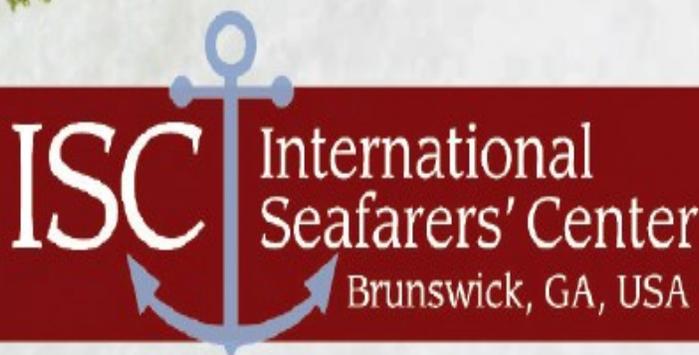
- (non- perishable in sealed packages)
- Crackers/ Pretzels
- /Nuts

- Gum/Candy
- Raisings
- Dried fruit
- Canned Meat (pop-top)
- Juice
- Mints
- Popcorn

Other

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CHRISTMAS STORY AS TOLD BY A TREE *continued from page 10...*

Keep in mind at this time I was only about six inches tall. Well, I loved my new home, being watered regularly and fed when I needed it. I started to grow slowly. I was so happy, if you did not know, plants can be happy or sad. I had had my sad time. Surprise, surprise, Christmas arrived. She put very small decorations on me, nothing to weigh my limbs down, and took pictures of me. Well, being a happy plant I grew. The years passed, every Christmas she decorated me with new pretties. Once again I outgrew my pot. One day she brought home an even larger pot. In my new pot my roots sure felt good. I am very happy in my new large pot and enjoy being taken care of every day.

Now five years later, I am a small tree, about three feet tall, reaching for greater heights. I have heard I have relatives over ten feet tall, wonder what she will do with me if I attempt to reach those heights?

Moral to my tale, never overlook the poor neglected plant. (All of us involved in any way with the International Seafarers' Center do just that, we never overlook the needs of ALL seafarers who visit our Port!)

Merry Christmas!
"Happy Little Tree"



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.