



PANHELLENIC SEAMEN'S FEDERATION

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Day of the Seafarer (DotS)

International day of remembrance, honor, deep concern and vigilance!

The International Day of the Seafarer was established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to be celebrated on the 25th of June every year, in order to remind all over the world that Seafarers are the most vivid cell in world shipping.

To be reminded that the development and sustainability of international trade and the movement of people and goods by sea is performed primarily and in a large part due to these people from all ranks, who are filled with salt and manage to keep the global trade healthy, with hard work, deprivation, self-sacrifice and even human losses.

To be reminded also, that the development of a country, by the upgrowth of its trade and the dissemination of its ideas and culture is based first of all on the human factor called Seafarer and secondarily on the state-of-the-art giant ships surrounding them.

Moreover, particularly in our country, the "Day of the Seafarers" must remind that the Greek Shipping is one of the most important pillars of our economy and that the Greek Seafarers, these "unsung" heroes are the real driving force and the key holders, not only of the Greek but also of the world economy.

However, **June 25th** is and must remain a day of intense concern and vigilance, especially nowadays when the great difficulties and the uncertainty of the times (turmoil and wars in other countries, global economic, energy and food crisis approaching), do not leave room for leisure and complacency.

The problems of our Seafarers, unfortunately, are increasing day by day.

There are many "wounds" still remaining "open" and many questions that need answers and actions.

It is necessary to take targeted, but not hasty, decisions both by our Government and the Maritime stakeholders involved, in order to protect and strengthen our Seafarers, as we should, both educationally and financially.

And above all, to ensure they have more decent working conditions.

We must learn from the mistakes of the past so that we do not repeat them.

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June 25th should not only be offered for a celebration. It should be an opportunity for the reconstruction and uplift of the Maritime profession and of our Seafarers.

We owe them honor, respect, gratitude and a future. It is one of the great weapons of our country.

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General Secretary PNO