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'SEA-SHED'

Dear Shipmate,

Aberdeen Seafarers Centre Port Chaplain Howard Drysdale is looking to help You!

Are you a RETIRED SEAFARER? Finding life ashore after your retirement difficult? Feeling isolated and lonely after years at sea with your mates? Missing the camaraderie of seafaring life?

Well, Howard has become aware of many such seafarers and, sadly, all too frequently meets them for the first time when conducting their funeral! Hence his idea of a 'Sea-Shed.'

The Sea-Shed will be a place where Seafarers feel at home and can pursue practical interests with a high degree of autonomy. A Sea-Shed offers this to a group of seafarers who share experiences, knowledge and resources they need to enhance their lives in a safe, friendly and inclusive venue. It is a place of skill-sharing and informal learning, of individual pursuits and community projects, of purpose, achievement and social interaction. Above all, it is a place of leisure where seafarers come together to enjoy the friendship of the sea. A Sea-Shed's activities usually involve talking, discovering, learning and laughing!

Although a Sea-Shed will mostly attract older men and women, seafarers of any age who are no longer working at sea are welcome. Whichever activities are pursued the essence of the Sea-Shed is not a building, but the network of relationships between the members.

It could include many different things, but it will include the development of IT skills with iPads being provided to use at the Shed for free; guest speakers; outings; tea/coffee and tabnabs; a light lunch will be provided and plenty of fun and laughter! All this is **free** to seafarers!

Two dates have been set aside for this and will include tabnabs and a light lunch:

Friday 1st of December between 1000-1600 - a training day for all - 'Using an iPad.'

Friday 3rd of January between 1000-1300 - our official launch date!

Tabnabs, tea/coffee and a light lunch will be provided.

Registration is essential for catering purposes. Also, we only have 13 iPads available which will be allocated to those registered! Please give me your name, address, phone number and discharge book number to be eligible for the iPad. My contact details are above.

Howard is looking forward to meeting you at the Seafarers Centre on Market Street. A car park is available at the rear of the building off Palmerston Road. Of course, you can catch a free bus to the bus station with your bus pass or catch a 12, 3, 20 or 59 which all pass the centre! It is only 6 minutes from Union Square Shopping Centre! Hoping to see you at the Seafarers Centre soon - do feel free to bring a seafaring buddy! We are open 1300-1500 Mon-Fri and 1800-2200 7 days a week!

Best wishes,

Jeff Mountain

Trustee, Aberdeen Seafarers Centre

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