



IT IS TIME FOR

# CHRISTMAS AT SEA



As we prepare for the holidays, please consider helping with our Seafarers program at the port in Point Comfort. Due to the pandemic, your gifts and donations are even more important as the seafarers are more isolated than ever. Travel restrictions around the globe have extended many contracts, some indefinitely. Your gift(s) can brighten the life and console a seafarer far away from their family.

In 2019, nearly forty churches, organizations, scout groups, schools, families, friends, and colleagues donated 926 gifts for us to deliver. In Point Comfort, 517 gifts went onboard 31 vessels with crews from 20 countries. Gifts were also distributed in the Port of Victoria, Corpus Christi and Port Arthur so all gifts reached seafarers during the holidays.

Ships average 22 crewmembers each and delivery will begin after Thanksgiving and continue until all packages are delivered. It is never too early or too late to make and drop off your gifts. Please pack your gifts of love inside a standard shoe box (no boot or children sizes) or a drawstring ditty bag (about 12" by 15"). Monetary donations can also be accepted.

EMAIL Rhonda at [stellamaris@gulf.org](mailto:stellamaris@gulf.org) if you need more info.

Please try to pack your gifts full **with new items such as these:**

Shampoo	Body wash	Deodorant	Tissues
Q-tips	Chap stick	Lotion	Powder
Shaving cream	Razors	Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Dental floss	Nail clippers/files	Wet wipes	Texas souvenir
Hand towel	Wash cloth	Crew socks	t-shirts (med or large)
Ski or ball cap	Small games	Gloves	Picture postcards
Sewing kit	Ink pens	Playing cards	M&M candies
Nuts	Trail mix	Chewing gum	Hard candies
Microwave popcorn	Cheap sunglasses	Flashlight w/batteries	Earbuds
Fridge magnets	Hairbrush/comb	Band-aids	Personal note or card

**Send the above items along with an empty normal sized shoe boxes to OLG School November 30th - Dec. 11th and the homerooms will sort, organize, fill and wrap the boxes to donate to the Seafarer Center before Christmas. Thank you for being a part of our OLG Advent project!**