

A LIFELINE TO SEAFARERS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES IN TIMES OF NEED



The Shipwrecked  
Mariners' Society cares  
about people facing  
financial hardship,  
but we can only do this  
with your generous  
support.



**SHIPWRECKED  
MARINERS' SOCIETY**

CHARITY REG. NO. 212034

# HOW YOU CAN HELP US RESCUE LIVES



*The sea is unforgiving and, though thankfully reduced, deaths and accidents still occur at sea.*

*To the tragedy of loss can be added financial hardship for the suffering family. **We can help.***

*Retired or incapacitated mariners, their widows and families, can face severe financial hardship in retirement without savings to help them. **But we can.***

We offer an immediate response at times of personal disaster. For instance:

- Grants to widows and their children immediately following the death of a fisherman or merchant seaman
- Grants for special needs at times of crisis
- Regular grants to retired or permanently disabled fishermen and mariners, or their widows, who are under financial stress

## **Examples of Grants:**

- n In one week we made 'immediate relief' payments to three widows aged 31, 32 and 33 who between them had 10 children. These followed a drowning, a suicide and a road traffic accident.
- n The widow of a mariner, who herself was unwell, was having to use the launderette for all her washing. Due to her daughter's acute eczema the bedding and her clothes needed to be washed daily and this was putting a strain on her limited income. We were able to cover the cost of a washing machine and advise on further assistance.
- n A 21 year old fisherman had caught his foot in a bight of rope was thrown overboard and found himself underwater for 10 minutes. Miraculously he survived but was in a critical condition in intensive care. We were able to cover the cost of his partner and mother visiting him and staying near by.
- n A 75 year old former mariner had been diagnosed with a brain tumour and was undergoing treatment in hospital. As the old carpets in his home were a trip hazard, he had been advised that he would not be discharged until they had been replaced. He could not afford to do so and we were able to cover the cost.

# HOW DO I LEAVE THE SHIPWRECKED MARINERS' A LEGACY



*Since 1839 this Society has been there to provide support to mariners' in need.*

*We help over 2,000 people every year, paying out over £1M in grants.*

One of the ways in which you can help is:

- A gift (legacy) in your Will because it enables us to have the resources to respond quickly.

It can provide a lifeline for many families for years to come.

A gift in your Will, after making provision for your own family, is a very positive action that can bring relief and peace of mind. If you die without a Will there can be enormous problems for surviving relatives and your wishes may not be carried out. We do not recommend you do it yourself but consult a local solicitor.

## **HOW DO I LEAVE THE SHIPWRECKED MARINERS' SOCIETY A LEGACY?**

If you are considering leaving us a legacy, the options are:

- n A **residuary** legacy: which means you leave the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society part of your estate once other gifts to family and friends have been distributed or
- n A **pecuniary** legacy: which is a fixed sum of money.

Just tell your solicitor which type of legacy you want to leave and provide our charity registration number and address, as shown on the front cover.

**If you would like more information about the Society's work then please complete the form attached.**

**THANK YOU**

## LETTERS OF APPRECIATION



“The Shipwrecked Mariners were very supportive in helping my Mother remain at home as long as possible, despite her becoming severely disabled in her last few years. The annual grant awarded to her was a great help covering various additional costs which became an increasing struggle to pay. Thank you very much for your help it was appreciated by my Mother and the rest of the family.”

“Yesterday I enjoyed my first hot meal in many years. With your help I bought a double hot plate and put it to good use. Your help was most timely in view of the very cold weather. The curtains, blinds and rugs have made my home warmer and will help to keep my heating costs to a minimum. Thank you for keeping this old sea dog warm.”

“I don't know how to put in writing how much your decision to award me £400 means to me. I was not sleeping worrying about the next day and how I was going to cope. This feeling of total despair was gradually making me think the only way out was a massive overdose of the current medicines I'm on. Then out of the blue came a miracle. I know the amount won't make my debts disappear but my worrying and despair have disappeared for a while.”

**THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE  
WITH YOUR SUPPORT**

**WE HELP LIVES  
WRECKED BY THE SEA**



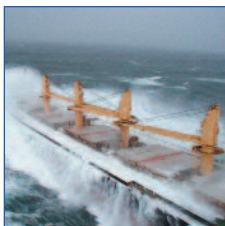
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**PLEASE SEND ME FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOCIETY'S WORK**

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