



Position announcement: DIRECTOR, MARINER ADVOCACY CENTER

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The **Director of SCI's Mariner Advocacy Center (MAC)**, formerly known as the Center for Seafarers' Rights, leads SCI's advocacy outreach to international seafarers in both routine and extreme settings while concurrently addressing the professional and human-factor resilience of mariners working on America's inland rivers and coastal waterways. The Director makes regular ship visits, conducts research, collaborates with chaplains worldwide, investigates seafarer complaints, interacts with international governing and corporate maritime executives, and provides thought leadership to enhance the quality of life for mariners in Port Newark, on America's inland waterways, and around the world. This full-time position reports to SCI's Executive Director, with robust use of social media and frequent travel as tools for advocacy.

In particular, the Director, MAC:

- Administers SCI advocacy initiatives (such as piracy, shore leave, seafarers' health and wellness, medical research), often in collaboration with other professionals;
- Offers subject matter expertise and assistance to mariners worldwide;
- Provides advice and assistance to International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA) and North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA) and their member organizations and chaplains;
- Advocates with ICMA on matters that may come before the International Labour Organization (ILO) and International Maritime Organization (IMO);
- Serves as outreach liaison between SCI and maritime academies to impact the next generation of maritime leaders;
- Supervises interns from Tulane Law School and other law schools;
- Generates policy advice to USCG on regulatory initiatives, U.S. delegations at IMO, and U.S. Congress on seafarers' rights issues;
- Leads advocacy and MLC, 2006 training to chaplains, USCG and other port state control, maritime lawyers, and International Maritime Law Institute;
- Presents subject matter expertise on seafarers' rights at maritime conferences and events;
- Organizes thought leadership roundtable discussions that assemble government and maritime leaders in a safe and neutral environment;
- Liaises with maritime medical and mental health professionals regarding research and policies to strengthen seafarer welfare and resilience;
- Conducts SCI's annual shore leave survey;
- Represents SCI as ICMA Trustee;
- Functions as President of the Life Saving Benevolent Association;
- Represents SCI at meetings and functions as requested by SCI's Executive Director.

The ideal candidate combines advanced knowledge of seafarer welfare and legal advocacy issues. A college graduate with advanced training in legal, theological or clinical studies, he or she brings outstanding oral, writing, organization, motivational and interpersonal skills to the position. He or she must thrive in a high-energy, mobile, nonprofit environment, manage multiple projects and deliver high-quality work with multiple staff, board, government and industry stakeholders. He or she should respect the religious values and cross-cultural realities that drive maritime ministry while exhibiting the agility and emotional intelligence that contribute to a healthy work culture.

Interested candidates should contact SCI's Director of Human Resources at:

humanresources@seamenschurch.org. Please send a resume and recent writing sample related to this position.

The position offers a competitive salary, generous paid leave, and health and retirement benefits including a matching 403(b) retirement plan.

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