

Initial part of the Constitution

CONSTITUTION, OBJECTS & RULES OF THE SEAFARERS' WELFARE BOARD
FOR NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

In a joint meeting held in 1964 the following societies, Apostleship of the Sea Incorporated, British Sailors Society in New Zealand Incorporated and Missions to Seamen in New Zealand, agreed that a co-ordinating organization be formed, and incorporated under the provisions of the Incorporated Societies 1908, and be designated as the Seafarers Welfare Board for New Zealand Incorporated.

Other organizations and agencies in New Zealand with an interest in seafarers welfare have subsequently been invited to join the Board.

1. NAME.

The name of the organization shall be : THE SEAFARERS WELFARE BOARD FOR NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED.

2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Constitution, Objects and Rules the following words and phrases shall have the meaning stated unless there are words to exclude or restrict such meanings or they are inconsistent with the context thereof:

“Board” means the “Seafarers Welfare Board for New Zealand Incorporated”.

“Societies” means the following societies or bodies:

GROUP 1 Founding Societies.

- a. Apostleship of the Sea Incorporated.
- b. International Sailors Society New Zealand Incorporated.
- c. Mission to Seafarers in New Zealand.

GROUP 2 Organizations admitted to membership in accordance with Para. 5.

- a. Merchant Service Guild I.U.O.W. Incorporated.
- b. Maritime Union of New Zealand.
- c. Auckland Sailors Home.
- d. New Zealand Association of Ship Owners and Agents.
- e. Gailee Mission
- f. New Zealand Maritime School.
- g. Maritime New Zealand.
- h. British Sailors Society

3. OBJECTS.

The Objects of the Board shall be:

- a. To foster ways and means of caring for seafarers throughout and all around the coast of New Zealand.
- b. To actively promote and strengthen co-operation between the Societies in Group 1, and any such other approved bodies, in providing suitable facilities by way of residential clubs and other centres of activity for seafarers.
- c. Each member in Group 1 undertakes to ensure that welfare activities and services are provided in appropriate ports of New Zealand, for all seafarers, irrespective of nationality, race, colour, sex, religion, political opinion or social origin and irrespective of the state in which the ship on which they are employed is registered.
- d. To consider and decide whether and where additional welfare facilities are required and when existing and proposed facilities are excessive, unnecessary or sub-standard, due regard being had to the spiritual and / or educational needs of the seafarers.
- e. To prevent duplication of endeavours or overlapping of appeals for public money.
- f. To hold or appeal for funds for welfare or welfare facilities; to make grants for these purposes and if necessary to provide and administer welfare facilities; to hold land for such purposes.
- g. To do all such things as may be incidental to the attainment of the above primary objects of the Board.