

## How to leave a legacy to the Merchant Navy Fund

If you'd like to leave a gift in your Will to the Merchant Navy Fund, simply inform your solicitor of our name, address and charity registration number, which can be found at the bottom of this page.

### YOUR LEGACY SHOULD BE LEFT TO:

Merchant Navy Fund (administered by The Seafarers' Charity)  
8 Hatherley Street  
London  
SW1P 2QT

Registered Charity in England & Wales, No. 226446, incorporated under Royal Charter.  
Registered in Scotland SC038191.

## Thank you for your support.

The Merchant Navy Fund is a collaborative initiative set up in 2012 between the Merchant Navy Welfare Board and The Seafarers' Charity to exclusively support UK serving and retired Merchant Navy seafarers and their families. The Fund's mission remained the same over the years and has never been more important than today as we are particularly dependent on our Merchant Navy to keep the UK supplied with food, medicine, fuel and other essential goods.



### MERCHANT NAVY FUND SUPPORTING PARTNERS:



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**LEAVE A LASTING GIFT TO UK MERCHANT  
NAVY SEAFARERS BY REMEMBERING THE  
MERCHANT NAVY FUND IN YOUR WILL**

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**PLEASE HELP US TO  
HELP OTHER SERVING  
AND RETIRED UK  
MERCHANT NAVY  
SEAFARERS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES WHO  
ARE STRUGGLING  
IN THESE DIFFICULT  
TIMES.**



## Have you or your family ever served in the Merchant Navy?

*The Merchant Navy Fund is a collaborative initiative set up in 2012 by two long-established charities, the Merchant Navy Welfare Board and The Seafarers' Charity, to exclusively support UK Merchant Navy seafarers.*

Both organisations recognised that many of those with a Merchant Navy background increasingly want to see their donations and legacies used specifically in support of UK Merchant Navy seafarers and their families, and the Fund was established solely for this purpose.

There are many people with a Merchant Navy background in the UK in need of assistance. Some face retirement with few savings and little or no pension, whereas others, younger seafarers and their families, may need support for many different reasons, including the loss of a partner, serious illness, mental health issues and emotional problems.

Each year the Fund provides essential funding to a network of maritime welfare charities that are a lifeline for hundreds of UK Merchant Navy seafarers and their

families. The services we fund help with care in later life, mental health support to fight loneliness and depression, financial support following an accident or an illness, and much more.

However, Merchant Navy seafarers are resilient. They don't often ask for help, especially from charities, so we want to ensure that we can support every UK Merchant Navy seafarer that needs a lifeline. But with no government funding, we rely on the generosity of people like you to continue our work and reach even more UK Merchant Navy seafarers who need our help.

The difference that a gift in your Will for Merchant Navy Fund will make to the lives of UK Merchant Navy seafarers and their families, cannot be emphasised enough.

## Why your gift is important

Legacies are crucial to every aspect of our work. Most importantly, they help us to plan and maintain services in a consistent way.

A bequest may not be available to us for some considerable time, but it will provide a vital source of income for the years ahead, helping us to withstand current and future recessionary times.

## The difference your gift can make

It doesn't matter how much you donate – each donation will help to make a difference to the lives of those who are at sea or ashore who need our help. Here are some examples of how your gift might help:



A gift of £5,000 would help to **provide financial assistance** to **UK Merchant Navy seafarers and their dependants** who have suffered hardship, misfortune or poverty, as a result of an accident, illness, disability, unemployment or retirement.



A gift of £15,000 would pay for **five dynamic air mattress systems** that reduce the risk of pressure sores for **retired Merchant Navy seafarers with severe physical disabilities** who are staying in a residential care home.



A gift of £25,000 would help to provide a **maintenance grant** for a Merchant Navy seafarer's widow to **support her children** during their school years.



A gift of £100,000 would pay for running a **relationship counselling service** with our partner organisation, Relate, to **support around 250 Merchant Navy seafarers and their families** for a year.

*By remembering Merchant Navy Fund in your Will, you will help us ensure that help and support is available for UK Merchant Navy seafarers when they need a lifeline.*