

Houston International  
Seafarers' Center  
Spring Maritime Gala  
2017



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# Houston International Seafarers' Center Spring Maritime Gala 2017

The Houston International Seafarers' Center is a qualified 501(c)(3) organization that provides humanitarian services to the seafarers that visit Houston everyday on commercial seagoing vessels. At its 2 facilities, seafarers can relax and enjoy some time away from work, connect to the internet to call home, buy essential toiletries, and access ecumenical support services. The Seafarers' Center also provides no-cost transportation for seafarers on liberty from their ships to local stores and restaurants.

The Seafarers' Center Maritime Gala is the principle fund raising event for the Seafarers' Center. It will allow you to showcase your company in front of more than 500 of Houston's maritime, energy and logistics business leaders. This year's theme is "Building our Future" which highlights the Seafarers' Center's big move from its current facility at the Port of Houston at 9250 High Level Road, to a more efficient and appropriate facility co-located with the Seaman's Church Institute.

**Unique table underwriting, sponsorship, and live auction opportunities present a wide spectrum of ways to contribute to this exciting and worthwhile event.**



## **When:**

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

**6 pm to 7 pm: Opening  
reception and silent auction**

**7 pm to 8 pm: Dinner and program**

**8 pm to 11 pm: Entertainment**

## **Where:**

**Houston Marriott South at Hobby Airport  
9100 Gulf Fwy, Houston, TX 77017**





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## Honoring Mr. Roger Guenther as the 2017 Bronze Anchor Award Recipient

The Maritime Gala not only serves as a major source of funding for the Centers' activities, but also provides the Centers an opportunity to honor and recognize an individual, company or organization for their steadfast commitment to assisting the HISC mission and vision.

Our 2017 distinguished honoree is Mr. Roger Guenther, the Executive Director of Port Houston, a valued supporter of the Seafarers' Center and whose leadership is instrumental in keeping the Houston Ship Channel "The International Port of Texas".

With over 26 years at the Port of Houston Authority, Roger Guenther has been involved in all aspects of the Port of Houston's operations, including the master planning of the Bayport container terminal and the redevelopment of the older Barbours Cut container terminal. In February 2014, Mr. Guenther became the 13th Executive Director of the Port of Houston Authority. Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Guenther has been a committed supporter and advocate for the welfare of the many seafarers that visit the Port of Houston every year, and the Board of Directors of the Houston International Seafarers' Center is excited to recognize Mr. Guenther with the 2017 Bronze Anchor Award.



Mr. Roger Guenther  
Executive Director  
Port of Houston Authority



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## Table Underwriting Levels

Your table guests will enjoy a memorable night. Gala highlights include an open bar during the cocktail reception, professional photography throughout the evening, and wine service during the gourmet dinner. During the cocktail reception, guests can participate in the silent auction and mingle with other maritime industry leaders.

### Admiral: \$7,500

Table Level Underwriter

Table for 10 in a premier location

Premium wine for table

Company logo & recognition in the program & auction catalog

Company name listed on press release

Prominent event signage at the Gala



### Captain: \$3,000

Table Level Underwriter

Table for 10 in a prominent location

Recognition in auction catalog

### Rear Admiral: \$5,000

Table Level Underwriter

Table for 10 in a prime location

Company logo & recognition in the program & auction catalog

### Crew: \$2,000

Table Level Underwriter

Table for 10

### Individual Tickets: \$200



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## Sponsorship Opportunities

All Sponsors will receive recognition at the location of their sponsorship on a 24'x36' placard which includes their company logo. Sponsorships will be used to offset the cost of the individual items or activities.

Decorations: \$2,500

Sponsorship

Reception: \$2,000

Sponsorship

Photo booth: \$2,000

Sponsorship

Menu: \$3,000

Sponsorship

Live auction item: \$3,500

Sponsorship

Entertainment: \$3,000

Sponsorship

Wine Pull: \$1,000

Sponsorship



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### Silent Auction & Wine Pull

**Live auction items:** Many individuals and organizations, in addition to purchasing a table, donate items for the silent auction. Past silent auction items have included sports memorabilia, wine baskets, activity coupons, and historical maritime items.

**Wine pull items:** Many individuals and organizations, in addition to purchasing a table, contribute a case of wine (valued at \$20 per bottle or more), or a very special bottle of wine to the Fr Patout wine pull.



**Cash contributions:** Contributors, in lieu of a live auction item or wine, can also make a cash donation towards a silent auction item or wine pull. The Gala Committee will then purchase an auction item or wine, recognizing the donor of the item on the auction sheet at the Gala or at the wine pull.



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## Become a table underwriter:

- Admiral \$7,500
- Rear Admiral \$5,000
- Captain \$3000
- Crew \$2000
- Single Ticket \$200

## Become a sponsor:

- Decorations \$2,500
- Photo booth \$2,000
- Reception \$2,000
- Menu \$3,000
- Entertainment \$3,000
- Wine Pull \$1,000
- Live auction \$3,500
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Become a silent auction item or wine pull donor:

Description of item or wine to be donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash in lieu of an item for the silent auction: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information

Name/title \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Payment  Check enclosed (Payable to HISC Maritime Gala)  Please invoice me

## Your contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsorship/auction item Display name

(Specify how you would like your company name to appear)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Upon receipt of this form, an invoice will be sent for the contribution you have selected, with a letter of confirmation & explanation of benefits associated with that level.

**Have questions or need more information?** Contact J.J. Plunkett at [Jplunkett@houston-pilots.com](mailto:Jplunkett@houston-pilots.com) or 281-409-6119

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Captain  
Underwriter level



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## Houston International Seafarers' Center



In 1963, a Belgian sea captain who immigrated to the U.S. had a dream of a place for seamen to go in the Port of Houston. He had sailed to Houston many times and had found that it had not received the name of "Worst port in the world" for seamen without cause. He dreamed of a great seamen center and sold this dream to several others involved in shipping. The result was the formation of the Houston International Seaman Center Inc.

In 1968 three ministers (Rev. Taft Lyon, Presbyterian; Rev. Sam Duree, United Methodist; & Rev. Rivers Patout, Roman Catholic) who were working together in an ecumenical venture, developed a vision of serving the many seafarers who visit Houston. They asked around and found that there had been several efforts to start a center for seamen, but nothing lasting had resulted. The Port Commission Chairman at that time, Howard T. Tellepsen supported the concept and recruited Houston philanthropist, Jane Blaffer Owen, among others, to turn this dream into reality. This was the beginning of a unique coalition that was to bring to existence a "one of a kind" service to seafarers.