

NEWS RELEASE



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Cory Brothers Shipping Agency, the leading ships agency, logistics and maritime service provider, is delighted to announce a new initiative in alignment with the QVSR (Queen Victoria Seamen's Rescue) to support all seafarers visiting the Felixstowe seafarer's centre.

Cory Brothers Group MD Peter Wilson held a very positive meeting with QVSR CEO Alexander Campbell OBE, Operations Director QVSR David Mosimabale and Felixstowe Seafarers centre manager Anita Mazur to discuss and agree this new initiative to help raise awareness, support & recognition for seafarers.

Seafarers are vital for world trade and in particular, to island nations. The world is currently navigating through a global pandemic the like of which we haven't seen before, and the essential sea freight mode of the supply chain is under immense pressure to keep the goods flowing from nation to nation. Seafarers can be stuck at sea for months beyond their contract terms, continuing to work every day with few home comforts or connectivity to their family, friends and loved ones.

When in port, Seafarers are often denied permission for shore visit time due to various pandemic restrictions imposed by most countries. QVSR is leading the way in terms of the UK's drive to get seafarers vaccinated and more European countries are doing likewise yet a more joined up international action plan is needed.

Cory Brothers Shipping agency deals with vessels at nearly all UK ports and has offices and partner agencies worldwide. Managing all types of ships for import and export calls, Cory Brothers understands the difficulties that seafarers face during the ongoing pandemic.

Seafarers deserve our help, support & recognition. Cory Brothers has donated 100 x plush Cory Dragon Toys to the Felixstowe Seafarers centre to be used as care gifts for the first 100 seafarers to visit the centre. Each plush Cory Dragon is a token gift to remind seafarers that they and their families / loved ones are thought of and appreciated. These can be as gifts to seafarers' families and loved ones once they return home or to keep with them as a reminder that they are appreciated and thought of. We ask all seafarer' recipients to share photos of their Cory Dragon on social media to help promote this initiative and help bring more understanding, recognition and support.

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