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INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM PRESENTS *COMPASSION IN ACTION: AIDING SEAFARERS SINCE 1843*

Philadelphia, PA (October 2016) – [Independence Seaport Museum](#) will debut a new exhibition *Compassion in Action: Aiding Seafarers Since 1843* on Friday, October 21, 2016. Part of the Community Gallery Series, *Compassion in Action* explores the Philadelphia working port through the lens of Seamen’s Church Institute of Philadelphia and South Jersey (SCI), a nonprofit organization that has been providing clothing, counseling, land transport, cross-cultural spiritual support and more to these visitors.

Compassion in Action takes a closer look at the merchant ships traveling through one of the Philadelphia and South Jersey ports, where 31 ship terminals spread out over 120 miles of the Delaware River. The ships carry anything from sugar to steel and crews of people from all over the world. Using videos, historical images and artifacts, original paintings by Carole Goddard, along with a variety of everyday items that resonate with individual seafarers, the exhibit shows how SCI has adapted to help over the years to best help the seafarers' changing needs—especially with the evolution of new technologies and security—through stories and artifacts.

Independence Seaport Museum will host members of the media on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to aedelman@phillyseaport.org.

For more information, visit phillyseaport.org/compassion.

About Seamen’s Church Institute

Seamen’s Church Institute of Philadelphia and South Jersey has a mission to serve proactively without prejudice the human needs of seafarers and the maritime community of the Delaware River. SCI is part of a network of 150 port ministries throughout the shores and waterways of North America, and 750 throughout the world. They are not only chaplains, counselors, mediators, and advocates, but also ambassadors of goodwill for the Delaware Valley region.

About Independence Seaport Museum

Independence Seaport Museum deepens the appreciation, understanding and experience of the Philadelphia region’s waterways through history, science, art and community. The Museum maintains one of the largest maritime collections in North America, combining more than 25,000 artifacts with hands-on exhibits, small boat rentals and large-scale models. The Museum houses a traditional boat shop, the Workshop on the Water; the J. Welles Henderson Archives and Library and the Penn’s

Landing Playhouse. The Museum also includes two National Historic Landmark ships; the Spanish-American War Cruiser *Olympia*, and the World War II and Cold War Submarine *Becuna*. Located at Philadelphia's Penn's Landing Waterfront, the Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit phillyseaport.org for more information.

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