

Synergy Marine Group, Philippine Transmarine Carriers Inc partner to bring seafarers WeTeam emotional and well-being support

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While seafaring is a noble profession, life at sea can be demanding. It takes a physical and mental toll on global maritime professionals, the unsung heroes in the front lines of the maritime industry. The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted our seafarers' struggles, placing a particular spotlight on feelings of uncertainty and anxieties about the changing demands on seafarers.

Keeping seafarers' emotional well-being front and center, Synergy Marine Group (SMG) and Philippine Transmarine Carriers, Inc. (PTC) have partnered to bring the seafarer community together as one under WeTeam. It is a faith-neutral service that is absolutely confidential, free, 24/7, available in over 14 languages including Tagalog and open to every seafarer across the globe beyond the PTC and Synergy Group.



Speaking about WeTeam, Captain Rajesh Unni, founder and chief executive officer of the Synergy Group shared, "Well-being for seafarers has been our focus from our inception itself and this pandemic has only exacerbated matters therefore calling for people to recognize the urgency and to act now." WeTeam is a progression from iCall, a service of the Synergy Marine Group. Captain Unni went on to expound. "Having started almost three years ago with iCall in India, we at Synergy have the experience to understand the seafaring community and their challenges from up close. We see the numbers growing alarmingly on high levels of stress-related concerns and the concern for their safety and wellbeing has proportionately risen too. With 25 percent of the seafaring community coming from the Philippines, it is impossible not to be there, and we could not ask for a better partner than PTC to embark on this journey to help the seafarers and build the next generation too."

On being able to address the needs of the 400,000 Filipino global maritime professionals on-board the world's fleet at any one time, PTC

CEO Gerardo Borrromeo said, "We appreciate the opportunity to come together to develop a platform for the total wellness and care of our seafarers. Like Synergy, PTC has always felt that it is the people themselves on these vessels who do the amazing heavy lifting that moves the world." Borrromeo continued, "To all our valued seafarers, you are the heart and soul of a ship, the beating heart that enables the maritime industry to move the world. Through WeTeam, our maritime specialist counselors are here for you; they are here to listen, and help."

WeTeam is an Emotional Wellbeing and Support Helpline that comes to our noble seafarers through a partnership built on a combined 50 years of global maritime experience in prioritizing seafarer care and wellbeing above all.

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