

The annual Marine Community Golf Day will take place in Dubai, UAE on Thursday December 7th, with a festive twist this year. [Read More.](#)

More than just your par 3 corporate golf day, this annual tournament hosted specifically for the maritime community is a must attend event for anyone in the industry. And is in fact already sold out! Avid golfers, corporate supporters and clients and customers of sponsors join in the frivolity and comradery of the event that has been running for almost four decades.

The idea for this was established in 1990 by a few key organisations who saw value in bringing a small, but likeminded group of companies and individuals together. They also happened to be enthusiastic golfers themselves, hence the development of this marine related 'community' was further refined on the golf course.

What began life as an opportunity for a few key people to get out of the office and make valuable connections within their industry, has evolved over time into an out-and-out corporate affair. It is usually oversubscribed with golfers, and there are a whole range of sponsored activations and activities, branded giveaways, on-course games and entertainment, followed by dinner and a prize giving afterwards. The event is credible and highly rated and continues to gain interest from companies within the maritime sector who see value in sponsoring.

As such, the event organizers have been able to further develop the network and use the event as a platform to raise awareness and support for the Mission to Seafarers. This comes at a time where the Mission is also developing their presence and service offerings in the UAE with support and acknowledgement from the UAE government authorities.

All event marketing and collateral carry the Mission to Seafarers logo and previous tournaments have seen golfers and attendees contribute useful donations to be distributed to ports and seafarer centres around the UAE. Any proceeds from the events have been gifted to the Mission as well.

The Dubai event often benefits from global partnerships between corporate head offices and the Mission to Seafarers. **HFW** is a prime example of leveraging this. The Mission has been the charity partner of HFW's global shipping group since 2017, with the firm providing a wide range of pro bono legal and practical support, including developing new governance structures to enable sustainable welfare in places such as Argentina, Panama and the UAE. HFW Dubai are proud sponsors of the 2023 Marine Community Golf tournament as an extension of their global reach.

ABL has its roots in the seafaring industry and the work of the mission to seafarers is close to our hearts, as the mission assists seafarers in need. We know full well what it is like to be abandoned at sea, feeling helpless and alone. This event provides the mission with necessary resources to assist those that need it, and we are happy to contribute to their efforts.

The **Panama Maritime Registry** have decided to get involved in this year's golf tournament in Dubai for two main reasons. Primarily, they are interested to network, understand their customers expectations of their services and learn how they can improve. And secondly, the Registry are strong advocates for the Mission to Seafarers;

"As a registry who employ seafarers from all around the world (Russia, Ukraine, India, Philippines, Indonesia and China to name a few), we deal with their needs and issues on a daily basis; living conditions, payment issues, accidents, and sometimes abandoned ships. We place huge value in having the Mission to Seafarers available as an all-important resource to help solve such difficult situations quickly and effectively".

At **P&O Maritime Logistics**, our global strategy 'Our World, Our Future' focuses on the efforts we're making as a company to operate as a responsible business not just for today, but for the future as well. Wellness is at the top of this strategy, and we firmly believe in supporting the emotional, financial, social and physical wellbeing of our people. Partnering with the 'Mission to Seafarers' on this event is just one way of contributing to this worthy cause and creating a positive, and long-lasting impact on the lives and families of our brave seafarers.

GAC, Fichte Legal, JB Andrews, Shift Clean Energy, Myrcator Marine Service, Vital Certificates attestation services, Aalto Marine, The MECO Group, Constellation Marine Services, Ince & Co, Lenol, Tomini Group, Van Oord and Abu Dhabi Ports are also sponsoring this year's tournament.

About the Maritime Industry in the UAE

The maritime sector is a key pillar of the UAE national economy and plays a vital role in global seaborne trade with more than 27,000 maritime companies operating in the nation. The sector is also responsible for almost 4% of the emirate's jobs, with circa 80,000 people working in maritime-related industries. The UAE has 12 commercial trading ports, 310 berths, with cargo tonnage of 80 million tonnes.

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