Mercy Ships Cargo Day



One community. One purpose. Massive impact.

Every year, the support of the global maritime shipping and trading community powers Mercy Ships' two hospital ships to fulfill their mission of bringing hope and healing through free medical care to Africa's most vulnerable people.

Since 2016, Mercy Ships Cargo Day has united the global maritime community — shipbrokers, charterers, shipowners, bunker traders & suppliers, port agents, inspection companies, consulting corporations — in an extraordinary fundraising effort, cumulatively raising millions of dollars to support Mercy Ships' life-changing work.

This financial support ensures that the ships' operating theaters remain active, allowing volunteer medical professionals to perform life-transforming surgeries for thousands of patients every year. Cargo Day takes place each November and runs through the end of the year, giving participants the opportunity to pledge donations, nominate cargoes, or give their commission and address commissions creating an industry-wide movement with lasting impact.

Cyril Ducau, Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Pacific Shipping Pte Ltd:

"It's a truly remarkable initiative that allows our shipping community to bring our skills together while simultaneously supporting a noble cause."

The impact so far

- **150+ companies** joined since 2016.
- **$15 million USD** raised since 2016.
- **2** hospital ships: The *Africa Mercy®* and the *Global Mercy™*, the world's largest non-governmental hospital ships, operating across **1** continent.
- **Thousands of patients received free surgeries** on board the *Global Mercy™* and the *Africa Mercy®*.
- **Hundreds of African healthcare workers trained** through medical capacity building programs.



About Mercy Ships

Mercy Ships, founded in 1978, operates hospital ships that deliver free surgeries and other healthcare services to those with little access to surgical care. The Mercy Ships floating hospitals sail the coasts of Africa to deliver life-transforming surgeries performed by a crew of volunteer medical professionals from around the world.

Since turning its full focus to sub-Saharan Africa in 1990, Mercy Ships has conducted 45 field services in 14 African countries, most of which are ranked by the United Nations Human Development Index as the least developed in the world. Mercy Ships also provides training across the surgical ecosystem to strengthen healthcare systems and leave a lasting impact.

A new state-of-the-art hospital ship is currently being built and will be called the *Africa Mercy II*.

MERCY SHIPS' LEGACY SINCE 1978

122,000+
life-changing surgical procedures

556,900+
dental procedures

55,500+
professionals trained in their area of expertise

2.88 million+
direct beneficiaries

Who can participate?

- Charterers (Tanker, Dry Bulk)
- Shipowners (Tanker, Dry Bulk)
- Shipbrokers -> (Tanker, Dry Bulk)
- Other shipping and service companies

  (Bunker traders & suppliers port agents, inspection companies, ship operators, insurance and consulting companies, shipyards etc.)
- Anyone involved in the logistics chain is also welcome to participate.

The funds raised through Cargo Day serve a crucial purpose, covering the daily operational expenses of the hospital ships, including marine expenses, insurance, and maintenance. Each contribution directly propels Mercy Ships mission: free of charge surgeries, training for local healthcare workers, and development of medical systems where resources are scarce.

Cargo day participants

MercyShips® CargoDay	B BROKER (TANKER, DRY)	C CHARTERER (TANKER, DRY)	OW OWNER (TANKER, DRY)	O OTHER (BUNKER COMPANIES PORT AGENTS, INSPECTION COMPANIES, ETC.)
MERCY CARGOES		✓		
COMMISSIONS 50%	✓			✓
ADDRESS COMMISSIONS 50% or 100%		✓		
PLEDGES	✓	✓	✓	✓

How to participate

Cargo Day operates through a unique model: Charterers nominate "Mercy Cargoes" to participating shipbrokers who then donate 50% of their **commission** made on those Mercy Cargoes to Mercy Ships. Charterers are also encouraged to donate either 50% or 100% of their **address commission** to Mercy Ships or make a pledge. Shipowners and other companies can make a **pledge**.

Pledge

Charterers, shipowners, dry bulk companies, bunker traders & suppliers, and other shipping and service companies can make a pledge (donation) in any amount of their choice to Mercy Ships.

Mercy Cargo

Shipbrokers and other shipping and service companies can donate 50-100% commission from cargo fixtures to Mercy Ships.

Address Commission

Charterers can donate either 50% or 100% of their address commission to Mercy Ships.

David Walker, Head of Chartering at Sahara Energy International Geneva, Chairman of the Mercy Ships Cargo Day Committee in Geneva:

"We believe this opportunity to contribute to the remarkable work [of] Mercy Ships is treasured by the shipping and trading community. For Sahara Group, being part of Mercy Ships aligns perfectly with our commitment to making a difference, responsibly."

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Save the Date

Cargo Day 2025 – November 5
www.mercyshipscargoday.org

Join the movement, be part
of an extraordinary cause!
Together, we move cargoes of hope.