

On Tuesday September 23rd 2025 the Seamen's Club celebrated the 400 000th sailor welcome to the club. About fifty people were present. Amongst the people invited, were all registered members of the association, together with the shipping line agents. The Anglican Priest - Roxana Teleman - was also present to introduce herself to the Seamen's Club and discover the place. The sailor himself - a citizen from Madagascar - i.e. French speaking - is a waiter on board the Renaissance cruise ship which belongs to a recently created company: CCF (Compagnie Française de Croisières). The representative of the ship was the Chief Mate, accompanied by three cadet officers. Gérard Pelen - Amam honorary chairman - asked one of the volunteers to do a simultaneous translation of his speech to the captain, together with a few words of thanks from the Chief Mate. It was then the turn of the sailor to speak a few words to thank the Seamen's Club; quite visibly moved by the occasion and not accustomed to speaking to such a large audience. Then a splendid buffet was served on the terrace of the foyer, since the weather was dry and sunny. We now await for the next big event in the life of the foyer: to celebrate the 500 000th sailor. At the current rate, we should not have too long to wait.

