

# Port Nelson Seafarer's Centre

## Information for volunteer hosts



Caring for seafarers  
around the world

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment for seafarers, regardless of nationality or faith.

### **FACILITIES**

Pool table, table tennis, TV, stereo, comfortable lounge, free tea and coffee, telephone & internet, reading materials.

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### **HOW IT WORKS**

Check the roster ([www.nelsonseafarers.org/Info%20for%20Volunteers.htm](http://www.nelsonseafarers.org/Info%20for%20Volunteers.htm)) and sign up for 1 or 2 nights a month. You can call the gatehouse on 548-2099 after 6pm on your night to see if there are any ships in. If not, you can choose to stay home, or enjoy the facilities yourself.

Check in through the Port Gate, showing your Drivers Licence (or other photo ID) by 7pm and open the doors. Boil the jug, turn on the TV or music, and make your guests feel at home. That's about all there is to it!

It can be most rewarding to host in pairs. Women will not, due to cultural sensitivity, be hosting alone. No one is allowed to enter the Port without showing their photo ID, and must be on the security list (roster). Any changes to the roster should be given to the manager 72 hours in advance.

### **WHAT'S EXPECTED OF ME**

Interest in working with people from other cultures, especially European & Asian.

Be friendly towards guests - informal hosts!

Make coffee and tea.

Sign up for one or two evenings a month, from 7:00-10:00pm.

Basic housekeeping – tidy up at the end of the evening.

Help with telephone calls, including selling low cost phone cards.

Make a note in the log- how many visitors, etc.

Have fun making new friends!