

'DAYSPRING'



CHEOY LEE DELIVERS VESSEL TO THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS IN HONG KONG

A new vessel has started providing welfare services for seafarers out of the Port of Hong Kong, operated by The Mission to Seafarers.

The 'Dayspring' was built by Cheoy Lee Shipyards in Doumen District Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, China. The vessel has been built to Lloyd's Register class.

A Kobelt steering system was selected and MAN engines power the vessel.

The Mission in Hong Kong has been providing a launch to visit ships at anchor since 1891. The new 'Dayspring' was built to replace the existing vessel, which had been in service for 20 years but had to be scrapped. It is hoped 'Dayspring' will provide relief to the crews on board the many thousands of merchant ships that visit Hong Kong's port every year.

Seafarers in the port are often away at sea for long periods at a time and increasingly rely on the Mission's team of

chaplains to provide support and friendship to them when far from home.

The 'Dayspring' has been built with donations from many of the Mission's local supporters and donors from the shipping industry in Hong Kong, who have raised significant funds necessary to continue the service.

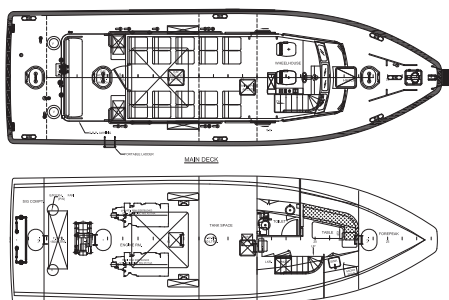


The 'Dayspring' was designed to bring chaplains and other ship-visitors to vessels safely, quickly and efficiently; and will bring comfort to seamen and women who are trying to mentally cope while being so isolated. The Mission provides essential communications services to all seafarers by bringing news and the latest telecommunication data aids available.

For crews granted shore leave, the vessel will operate as a regular shuttle

service to and from shore. The Mission to Seafarers aims to provide mental health support to seafarers "who feel forgotten or marginalised". Founded in 1856, the charity currently operates in over 260 ports worldwide.

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'Dayspring'	
SPECIFICATIONS	
Type of vessel:	Multi-purpose launch
Operator:	The Mission to Seafarers, Hong Kong
Builder:	Cheoy Lee Shipyards, China
Length overall:	14.68 metres
Length waterline:	13.62 metres
Beam:	4.42 metres
Draught:	1.35 metres
Depth:	2.38 metres
Main engines:	2 x MAN six cylinder turbo-charged diesel engines, each 360kW @ 1,800rpm
Steering system:	Kobelt steering hydraulic cylinder
Batteries:	4 x Panasonic
Lighting:	Aqua Signal 40 24V Nav lights
Fuel capacity:	1,500 litres
Freshwater capacity:	150 litres
Crew:	2
Passengers:	20
Operational area:	Port of Hong Kong