

## World Maritime Day & The Caribbean Sea



This COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light the importance of seafarers and all those involved in the maritime work that makes our world turn. Global supply chains have been terribly interrupted, shipping routes have been affected, key canals and passageways on the high seas have experienced unprecedented traffic pile-ups and crews have been stuck on the seas for months on end. Never before in modern times has the importance of maritime transport and trade been highlighted so boldly. Prices of goods and all commodities are on the way up because of the interruptions. In the Greater Caribbean, sea routes are vital for the survival of all our national communities. World Maritime Day presents the occasion for the Greater Caribbean to recommit to ensuring trade and transport routes in the region remain commercially viable for inter and intraregional use, improving connectivity and efficiency at all ports, connecting our people, while securing the ecological safety of our Caribbean Sea.