



## RNR150

### The Royal Naval Reserve 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner raises £911 for the Mission to Seafarers

A dinner to celebrate the formation of the Royal Naval Reserve in 1859 has raised £911 for the Mission to Seafarers. Cdr Mark Murrison RNR and Cdr Dave Whitby RNR Rtd presented a cheque to the Revd Canon Ken Peters at the London HQ of the Mission to Seafarers on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Revd Peters said “ the donation from the RNR150 dinner was greatly appreciated and will help us continue our vital work in supporting seafarers in over 230 ports around the world”.

The statute authorising the Royal Naval Reserve, the Royal Naval Reserve (Volunteers) Act of 1859, establishing a reserve of professional seamen from the merchant service was passed in August 1859. To celebrate the remarkable achievements of the Royal Naval Reserve since 1859 to the present day, a dinner was held in the wardroom at HMS President on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009 attended by 70 serving and retired RNR Officers . The guest of honour was Mr Michael Grey MBE, Senior Columnist and former Editor of Lloyd’s List. Other guests were Honorary Commodore The Lord Sterling of Plaistow Kt GCVO CBE (Life President P&O Cruises), Commodore Chris Steel ADC RN (Commander Maritime Reserves), Mr Jan Kopernicki (Vice President of the Chamber of Shipping) and The Rev Canon Ken Peters (Director of Justice and Welfare at the Mission to Seafarers). In addition to £312.22 raised at the dinner, £599.17 was donated from the ticket sales raising a grand total of £911.37.