

MASTER'S LETTER

10 MARCH 2023

Dear pupils and teachers of 1st Primary School of Vari,

A warm greetings to all of you in Greece.

Thank you so much your 3rd message to us, and I have informed my crew about the letter of promising young students of primary school and they were very happy to share some of our great voyage experiences across the sea. I am very happy to answer your questions in your mail.

We are honored to be a part of your learning milestone. Let us continue our communication by exchanging emails and together we sail our beautiful world.

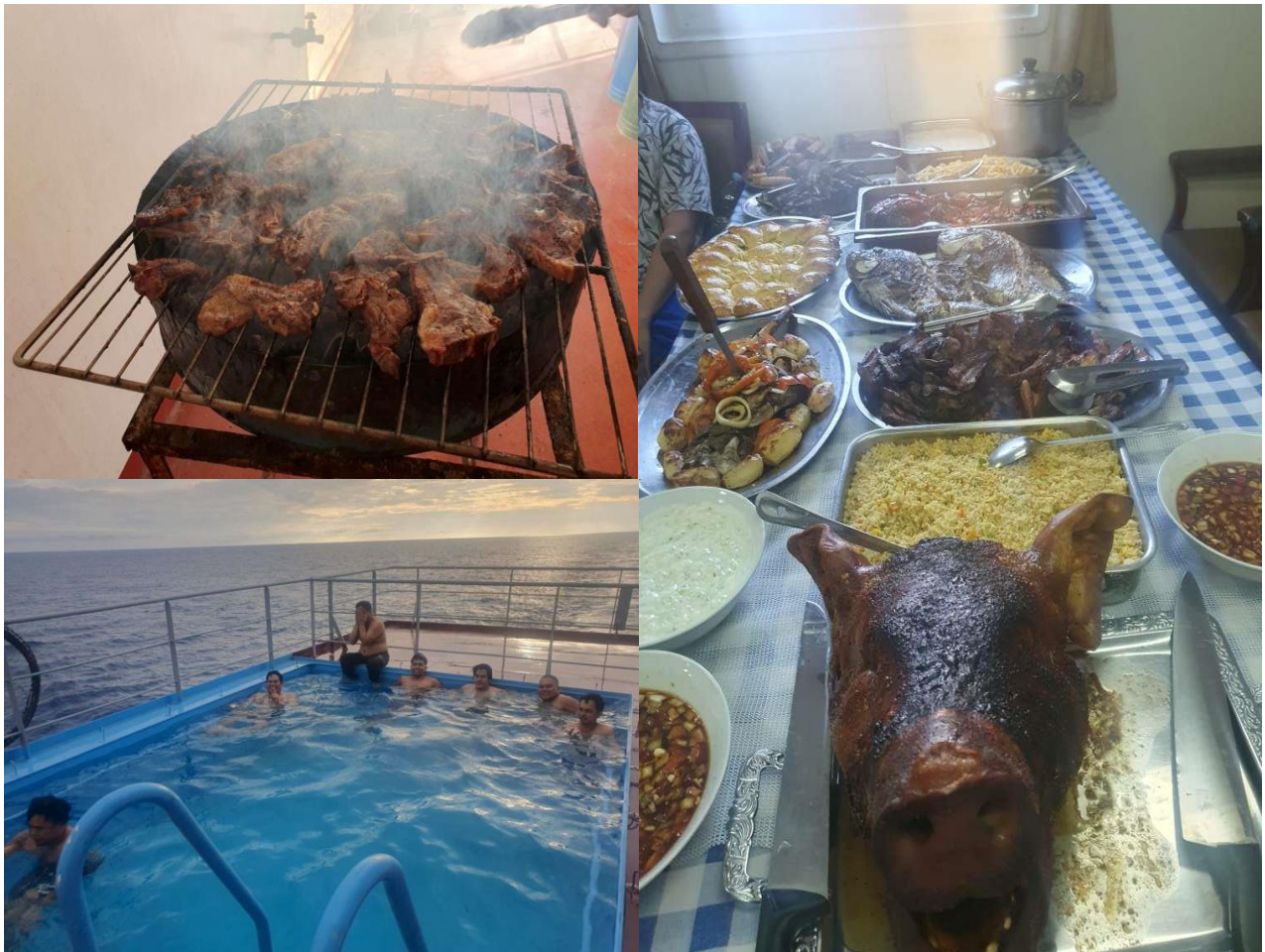
Our vessel had passed the Mediterranean Sea but unfortunately, we didn't have the chance to dock somewhere in Piraeus Port. Hopefully, in the near future, that our vessel will come somewhere near your school so I can welcome all of you personally onboard the vessel.





Photos (from top left to right): Safety Meetings, Fire Drills, Security Drills with Arm Guards and Abandonship Drills.

We had been very busy in these past few weeks prior our next port of call in China. We made some preparations and drills. Now we are sailing to our second port in China, named, Lianyungang.



Even though we were busy, it is my responsibility to maintain the moral and welfare of my crew by having some leisure times onboard during weekends like Barbecue Party & Swimming Pool Party.

Here are some of the answers from your questions:

Question 1: What kind of load do you carry?

In this voyage of our vessel, we have been loaded both Lead Concentrate and Zinc Concentrate. These are raw minerals came from Huelva, Spain and to be discharged at China. These cargoes will be manufactured to become various finished metal products.

Question 2: What was the worst accident you had to deal with recently at the vessel and how did you cope with it?

The worst accident that I had recently experience is when the Hatchcover No.1 Aft Part almost fell into the sea due to heavy rolling of the vessel at that time of carrying out cargo hold cleaning. Thanks to the sacrifice and efforts of my crew, we fortunately return the hatch cover back to its original secured position.

Question 3: Are there any doctors on board? In case of an emergency (severe illness) how do you cope with?

In cargo vessels like in what I am commanding now, there are no doctors onboard. It is only the Captain and Chief Officer who is the responsible acting medical doctors onboard. We undergone trainings like Medical First Aid and Medical Care on shore.



There are also Medical First Aid Guide Book in this vessel that we use in case of some illness that can be cured. Vessels nowadays have their own Hospital. We also have some medicines and controlled drugs as required by the World Health Organization that we maintain especially its expiration dates. In case of worst illness and accidents on board, we seek help and call the medical radio station called, CIRM or (Centro Internazionale Radiyo Medical) that is based in Italy. They are medical doctors that are ready to give medical advice on vessels with urgent medical needs.

Thank you for your kind efforts and interests in knowing on what kind of life at sea we have as seafarers. I am also hoping to have video call with you whenever both of our schedule permits.

On behalf of the crew of *Abyssinian*, we would like to tell you that we are very honored to be a part of your education journey.

Thank you primary students of Vari School. We are hoping to see all of you someday across the sea or whenever we have a voyage in Greece.

Stay safe and do your best in reaching your dreams. We believe in all of you.

Sincerely yours,

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