

## Press Release

### The Apostleship of the Sea



## **SUCCESS FOR SEA TO SEA CHARITY BIKE RIDE**

**Apostleship of the Sea Trustee, David Savage has raised an amazing £11,455.33 for the Apostleship of the Sea in his adventurous bike from the Irish Sea to the North Sea in a day! He exceeded his original goal to raise a whopping £10,000 and is still going.**

On the 15th November 2008, David Savage rode from Liverpool to Hull, non-stop, on a immense charity bike ride to raise funds for Apostleship of the Sea, so the charity can continue their vital work in support of seafarers. In total he rode 215.9 kilometres in a total time of 9 hours and 42 minutes. He tells us his average speed was 22.26 kph (13.91mph) but that at one point he even got up to 69.88 kph, but that was down a hill!

David was helped along the way by the kindness of others, those who directed him when he was lost (in Hull with just 5 kilometres to go!), those who gave him food and drink and those who cheered him on.

He was met at the end of his journey in Hull with a jubilant reception from Fr. Colum Kelly, Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain for Immingham and Anne McLaren, Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain for Hull, Apostleship of the Sea Ship Visitors and volunteers, and most of all, a group of seafarers who were at the Hull Centre last night. David reported "To see the seafarers at the end of the journey, well, the effort was worth it for that alone."

He went on to add "To all who have made such incredible donations so far, you have exceeded all expectations. Thanks so much. To those who might be reading this, it isn't too late and Apostleship of the Sea really will appreciate your support. "

David has set up his own Just Giving page, where you can sponsor him. You can support David at <http://www.justgiving.com/davesavage1>



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### Further information for Editors

The Apostleship of the Sea, is a maritime welfare charity, providing practical and pastoral support to seafarers, regardless of race, colour or creed (if any).

Ninety percent of world trade is carried by ship, and some 100,000 seafarers visit British ports each year. They are commonly away from home for nine to 12 months at a time, suffering loneliness, depression and even exploitation. They also have to work in gruelling and often dangerous conditions. Apostleship of the Sea chaplains and ship visitors welcome seafarers to our shores. They recognise them as brothers with an intrinsic human dignity which can be overlooked in the modern globalised maritime industry. For more information visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

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