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THE PRIME MINISTER

I am delighted to send my best wishes to those gathering for the Merchant Navy Association Memorial Service at Trinity Square Gardens.

Through the Great War, Second World War and the Falklands campaign our Merchant Navy seafarers showed great courage and sacrifice. It is our collective duty to remember and honour their commitment, as well as the commitment seafarers continue to make working amid conflict today.

The service is also a time to applaud seafarers significant and important contribution to the trade and supply chains of the United Kingdom and the wider international community – this work is a vital support to our nation's prosperity.

I extend my sincere gratitude to every serving and former seafarer for their exemplary service and commitment, and I thank the Merchant Navy Association for providing the opportunity to honour and remember our fallen seafarers.

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