



## Leadership on Board Multinational Crews

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### Abstract

Leadership is very important on board any merchant vessel, as the captain and officers have to take care not only of the work of the crew, but also of the living together. However, this becomes special relevant in the case of multicultural crews.

Multicultural crews mean not only different languages, but also different habits, different sensibilities and different believes.

This paper will analyse:

- the countries were seafarers are coming from,
- some differences regarding habits, food and sensitivity of the people of this countries
- some of the most important aspects to take in account of the people of different religions (Christians, Muslims, Jews, etc.) regarding life rules, prayers and food prescriptions, etc.
- which problems can arise when captains and officers are ignorant of it
- how captains and officers should deal with it.

The paper will finish with some conclusions and recommendations.