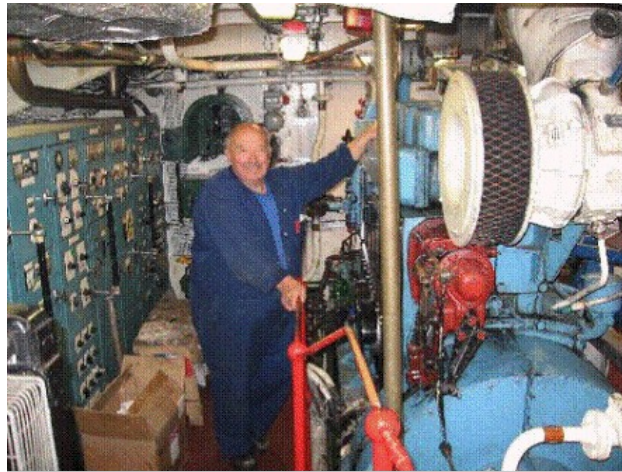


## About the Vine Trust

The Vine Trust was established in 1985 in Bo'ness, West Lothian, in direct response to famine in Ethiopia and Sudan. From its inception it has been interested in the relief of poverty at home and abroad and has supported various initiatives within the UK and overseas.

Much has been achieved in terms of growing the range and activity of our partnership with Scripture Union Peru and major opportunities now present themselves to make a significant contribution to supporting some of the poorest children of South America and many of the most marginalised people groups of the Amazon.

Our educational and social programmes aim to give some of the poorest children a compensatory advantage, helping them to fulfil their potential against the odds. Our medical project is impacting on chronic illnesses such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and on dental health. The Vine Trust is also committed to developing self sufficiency in the communities we work in through sustainable revenue projects. This avoids building dependency and benefits the local community through employment, service and self respect.



Engineer Stewart McKenzie at Work

## How to Apply

If you would like to apply to join a Marine Work Party to the Amazon or find out more on any aspect of our work please contact us.

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**Thank You**

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## Help us keep the Amazon Hope Ships in Amazing Condition



## Marine Work Parties in Peru

Connecting People to Change Lives



The patients waiting area onboard Amazon Hope 1

## Marine Work Parties in Peru

The Vine Trust supports projects in developing countries and is partnering Scripture Union Peru with the development of a medical project to deliver a health care service for up to 100,000 people in the Peruvian Amazon. Key to this strategy is our medical ships, the Amazon Hope 1 and 2 which can access remote communities in the region. Join us on a trip of a lifetime to bring hope to the people of the Peruvian Amazon by spending two weeks working with Scripture Union Peru on the maintenance of the Amazon Hope ships.



Waiting on the banks of the village for Amazon Hope to Arrive

## About the Ships

In 2001 the Vine Trust sailed the Amazon Hope, originally a Royal Navy Fleet Diving Tender, from the UK to Peru. Following its success operating as a medical ship on tributaries to the Amazon the Vine Trust acquired another ex-Royal Navy vessel which was renamed the Amazon Hope 2. This ship underwent a conversion courtesy of BAE Systems in Barrow-in-Furness. In the summer of 2006 it was also taken to Peru to work alongside the Amazon Hope 1. Both ships are 24 metres in length and are equipped with air conditioned accommodation.

## What is The Point?

Many of these remote Amazonian communities are inaccessible by road and our medical ships are crucial in delivering a health service in these places. Their shallow drafts are essential in reaching some of the tributaries of the Amazon where no other health care service exists.

There is such a high demand for the Amazon Hope 1 and 2's medical services that it is vital that the ships are also kept in good health. Any technical problems in the engine room can mean that people miss out on desperately needed medical care.

## Who Can Volunteer?

We are looking for qualified engineers, electricians, Deck officers or enthusiastic people with experience of working on boats to join our Marine Teams.

General tasks on the work party will include engine maintenance, electrical repairs, general maintenance, painting, cleaning and stock control. Marine work parties offer the opportunity to make a significant difference through a practical contribution to the development of the project in Peru. If you are 18 or over and have experience or an interest in marine engineering you are welcome to apply. The important thing is enthusiasm and determination for the job at hand.

## Locations

The marine work party will be based in the Amazonian city of Iquitos. Volunteers will experience the ultimate challenge working in a jungle climate. In addition to the work there will also be a time to visit some of the street children and medical projects in the region and find out more about the work of the Vine Trust and SU Peru.

## Costs

The marine work party costs £1,475 and includes flights, accommodation, and travel. However this price does not include any fuel surcharge that may be imposed by the airline as well as any immunisations and medicines that are required.

Volunteers are asked to arrange insurance cover directly with Banner Group insurance. This also adds to the trip costs.



Amazon Hope 2 departing from the UK for Iquitos, Peru

## Additional Fundraising

In addition to marine work party costs, team members are encouraged to help raise funds for project development in Peru. An information and ideas sheet will be sent with your application pack.



Amazon Hope 1 and 2 on the Amazon River