



INTERNATIONAL  
LONGSHORE &  
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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS



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## BULLETIN – JUNE/JULY 2013

**MEETINGS** – July 11, 2013 – *Thursday* – 6:00 p.m. – *Regular Membership Meeting (Hall)*  
July 10, 2013 – *Wednesday* – 6:30 p.m. – So. Cal. District Council (Ste. 204)  
July 18, 2013 – *Thursday* – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200)  
July 23, 2013 – *Tuesday* – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee (Ste. 204)  
July 30, 2013 – *Tuesday* – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee (Ste. 204)

**\*\*Please note that the Membership meeting date has been changed due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.**

*\*The Business Office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will be closed Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in observance of the Independence Day and Bloody Thursday holidays.*

**ELECTION RESULTS** – SECRETARY/BA – Richard “Harpo” Finlay; DAY BUSINESS AGENT/PATROLMAN – Michael “Mike” Ponce; DISPATCHERS – Steve Pekich, Anthony “Tone” Lauro, John Carranza, Gary Johnson; BOARD OF TRUSTEES – No Nominations; PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE – Patricia Aguirre; GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE – Mark Shaner, Chris Bradley, Lynn Hay; MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION – James Long, Ray Box, Adrian Diaz, Lorraine Alba, George Love, Maureen Gutierrez.

**WELFARE ISSUES** – Members continuing to have serious issues with the PPO medical plan and other portions of our welfare plan, are requested to bring their documentation including Explanation of Benefits (EOB’s), denial of payment letters, collection agency letters, or any other pertinent information to the Business Office by June 30<sup>th</sup> as these will be used as evidence for a scheduled arbitration at the Coast level regarding the ongoing struggle with the Employer over the decrease in the quality and coverage within our welfare plan.

**DUES ADJUSTMENT** – Due to the June 29, 2013 contractual hourly wage increase for Marine Clerks and in accordance with Article X, Section 1A of the Marine Clerks Constitution as amended December 2004, the new adjusted dues amount will be increased from \$314.80 to \$322.80 effective as of the August 2013 dues deduction. This amount includes the \$81.93 International Per Capita, Coast Pro Rata and Local 63’s share of the Coast Technology Coordinator. Local 63’s dues remain the same, set at eight (8) hours S/T @ the 25% skill rate.

**PAID HOLIDAY – WEDNESDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> – INDEPENDENCE DAY** – is a normal work day and an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2012. For those members who do not meet the automatic holiday requirements, they must be available for work at least two (2) of the three (3) days exclusive of the holiday (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>). If they worked less than 1300 hours but at least 800 (700 if age 60 or over) and are on disability during the holiday week, they must request the Business Office to file a claim on their behalf or if on vacation during the week, notify the Records Clerk. *Reminder – only those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2012 are entitled to receive or file claims for paid holidays.*

**NO WORK HOLIDAY – FRIDAY – JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> – BLOODY THURSDAY** – is a DEAD day. As was agreed-to in past negotiations, Bloody Thursday is a no work holiday, but is NOT a paid holiday. No work shall be performed between 8:00 a.m. July 5<sup>th</sup> and 8:00 a.m. July 6<sup>th</sup>, except for military cargo, passenger vessels and on-dock rail.

**UCLA-LOSH HAZWOPER TRAINING** – The next class is set to tentatively begin July 15<sup>th</sup> for six (6) consecutive Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any member who has not already taken the class and would like to attend must register in the Business Office by July 8<sup>th</sup>. See the enclosed flyer for additional information.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR** – Sam Alvarado will continue to be present on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for any Local 63 members who are in need of his services. He will set up office in the small conference room located in the Local 63 Business Office. Members may call ahead to make an appointment or just stop by on these same days monthly. These are dedicated days for Local 63 members only. Members who are unable to meet with him on those days may still call and/or make appointments for his office at (310) 833-5144. Scheduled dates for July are the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**VETTING AT PMA** – A sign-up list is available in the Business Office for members who are interested in being contacted when openings become available for the Vietnam Reefer Vetting at PMA. This position is available on the Day shift only and is a paid position. Knowledge of Excel computer program is helpful. Any questions, please contact Vice President Joe Mascola at (310) 867-7686.

**TRAIN THE TRAINER** – A 24-hour course on Haz-Mat ID and Emergency Response Guide (E.R.G.) will take place at Local 63. At the completion of class, members will receive a certificate from UCLA which allows for Haz-Mat training on the job. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Dispatch Hall to members beginning Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Chiefs in the yards, rails, ships and gates are encouraged to sign up and attend as well. The OSHA instructor will set up class scheduling on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the Local 63 Labor Room, Suite 204. All who signed up on the list are invited to attend. For further questions, please contact the Local 63 Safety Rep. Kenny Ursich at (310) 955-5380.

**NEW TIME CARD COVERS & DECALS** – New and improved time card covers have arrived in the Business Office and are for sale for \$3.00. These covers are slightly larger, are made of a more pliable plastic and are in the Local's colors. Additionally, new Local 63 decals in either white or silver are also available for \$4.00 each.

**SAFETY REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICERS** – For our own safety, let's make sure we adhere to the below listed PCMSC SAFETY RULES. The Employers have filed several Employer Complaints against our membership due to leaving trucks idling and subsequent accidents due to the trucks either popping out of gear or rolling into other equipment. Safety must *always* be our primary concern!

**RULE 907:** Shall set brake and shut off motor when leaving vehicle.

**RULE 904:** Shall obey all speed and traffic regulations and other applicable haulage equipment. **RULE 901:** Shall test brakes, shifting mechanisms, accelerator mechanisms, windshield wipers, steering gear, warning safety lights, horn and, where equipped, seat belts and mechanisms for raising, lowering and tilting before starting work. Upon completion of the inspection, the vehicle operator shall immediately report any defects to the foreman, walking boss or other employer representative on the job, who shall act promptly to correct the defect in the gear, vehicle, machinery or any unsafe working condition.

**TWIC RENEWAL UPDATE** – Members should check their TWIC cards to confirm when they will expire. Do not get caught unable to work because your card has expired! The current locations for replacement or renewal of TWIC cards are as follows:

- 1) TWIC Enrollment Center – Avalon Plaza, 460 Carson Plaza Drive, Suite 114, Carson, CA 90746:  
Hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 2) TWIC Enrollment Center – 2501 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 105, Signal Hill, CA 90755  
Hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**TWIC help desk phone number: 1-866-347-8942**

**REMINDER REGARDING SUSPECTED WORK CARD VIOLATIONS** – As approved by Executive Board and Membership Meeting action (4/17/08 & 5/01/08) and as bulletinized in the March 2008 Local 63 Bulletin, when a member suspects that another member has committed work card violation(s) including chiseling, the proper procedure for addressing this issue is through the submission of an anonymous complaint into the "Records Clerk Work Card Inquiries" box located in the Local 63 Dispatch Hall. The Records Clerk reviews and investigates these complaints. If the Records Clerk finds a violation has occurred, the work card will be turned over to the Grievance Committee for further processing. For more immediate action on chiseling violations, please contact your Business Agent who has the authority to investigate and pull a member off the job if the complaint proves valid. Members are to refrain from challenging and/or confronting another member in the Dispatch Hall or on the job.

**ILWU's WALK THE COAST EVENT FOR ALEX's LEMONADE STAND FOUNDATION** – On Saturday, August 20, 2013, ILWU Locals 13, 63, and 94 will host their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraiser on behalf of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation in the fight against childhood cancer. This is a free community event starting with a family friendly one-mile walk at 9:30 a.m. and continuing with food, live music, kids' jumper games, face painting, Japanese Taiko drum performance, WWII fighter plane flyover, silent auction, car show, and much more. Additionally, there will be a Texas Hold'Em poker tournament on July 30. For more information and to contribute, please go to [www.ilwu63.net](http://www.ilwu63.net) and [www.ilwuwalkthecoast.org](http://www.ilwuwalkthecoast.org).

**BLOODY THURSDAY MEMORIAL & PICNIC** – This year's official Bloody Thursday Memorial & Annual Picnic will be held on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The day will begin with a minister leading the annual memorial procession for Dickie Parker and John Knudsen beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Roosevelt Park Cemetery in Gardena in which all will enter at 18255 S. Vermont Ave. Please be courteous and cautious while doing so as this is still a working cemetery. The procession will be led by our International Officers, the L.A.P.D. and motorcade escorts. All who have classic cars or motorcycles are encouraged to use them in the procession; no one will be turned away! The picnic will be held at the Harry Bridges Memorial Park (formerly Queen Mary Park) in Long Beach from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. First come, first serve for vehicles setting up BBQ's &/or campsites, with plenty of free parking for all. Hamburgers & hotdogs will be provided along with sodas & waters; no alcohol will be served. There will be live music with a dance floor and entertainment for all including softball, horseshoe and bowling tournaments. \*IMPORTANT\* Marine Clerk volunteers are needed!! High school kids will receive certified credit for volunteering throughout the day as well as for both opening and closing assistance which will be greatly needed. For more info please contact Nacho at (310) 951-1419.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** "There will always be a place for us somewhere, somehow, as long as we see to it that working people fight for everything they have, everything they hope to get - for dignity, equality, democracy, to oppose war and to bring to the world a better life." *Harry Bridges, ILWU founder and American activist.*