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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS



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* 310-345-1448 DAY BUSINESS AGENT CALL HOURS ~ 5:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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BULLETIN – MARCH 2022

MEETINGS: March 3, 2022 – Thursday – 6:00 p.m. Regular Membership Mtg. at Warner Grand
March 15, 2022 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting
March 16, 2022 – Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – LRC Committee Meeting
March 17, 2022 – Thursday – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

1st VACATION CHECK DISTRIBUTION–FRIDAY, MARCH 11th – for approved vacation claims.

MARCH 3rd REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Please plan on attending our March Membership Meeting on Thursday evening. We just concluded the Longshore Contract Caucus and are preparing to begin negotiations with the employer and plan to give a full report on items that were discussed that may affect you, such as wages, pension, and medical issues. To provide adequate social distancing, we will be holding the meeting at the Warner Grand Theatre. Please be advised that the Warner Grand Theatre is complying with current LA County Public Health and LA City Municipal ordinances for indoor events requiring people entering the facility to provide proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test result within the previous 48 hours. People who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask, however, if you are not fully vaccinated the mask requirements are still in place.

VACATION CLAIMS – Members who did not work the required number of hours to qualify for all or part of their vacation payment due to disability status in 2021 **must contact the Business Office to request that a claim be submitted on their behalf** and provide a copy of your Vacation Notice. The second and final claim deadline is Friday, May 20th, for approved claim payment on Friday, June 10th. Payment of approved vacation claims will be on your regular paycheck. No further claims will be paid in the 2022 calendar year. It is imperative that your doctor's note is submitted to the Business Office in a timely manner with NO lapses in dates. This documentation must be dated, on doctor's letterhead and signed by the doctor. Your doctor's note **must** include the wording that you were **“unable to work” or “TTD”** (temporarily totally disabled) from the first date of the disability to a projected or actual date of return. Disability status includes continuous absence due to Workmen's Compensation, State Disability, or any other illness or injury. Members who were off work due to Workmen's Compensation must also provide a copy of their LS-208 from the Dept. of Labor. ****Please Note: It is always the member's responsibility to request the Business Office to have a Vacation Claim filed and processed on the member's behalf.***

PAID HOLIDAY - THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022 - CESAR CHAVEZ BIRTHDAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over in 2021). Those members who worked at least 800 hours but less than 1300 must work two (2) of the four (4) days that week exclusive of the holiday – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday, March 28th, March 29th, 30th, or April 1st, to qualify for the paid holiday, or if out on disability during that week, they must request that the Business office file a holiday claim on their behalf with the appropriate medical documentation covering them for that week. ***Remember: Only members who worked at least 800 hours in 2021 (700 if age 60 or over) are entitled to file a holiday claim or receive holiday pay in 2022.***

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO – Please update your Emergency Contact Information with the Business Office by sending an email to staff@ilwu63.net or by calling the office. Completing that section on your work card does NOT update the office, you must inform us directly.

UPDATE ON PHONE DISPATCH – At the February Executive Board meeting, the Board approved continuing with phone dispatch until the March Executive Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 17th. At that time, the Board will review the status of the COVID 19 situation and make a determination to either continue the phone dispatch for an additional time period or return to physical dispatch.

VACATION/PENSION/WELFARE/HOLIDAY REQUIREMENTS – Each of these benefits has very distinct criteria. Receiving one (1) or more of these benefits by having a claim approved **DOES NOT** necessarily ensure that any of the other benefits will be attained. *It is the member's responsibility to request that the Business Office Staff file any or all claims for any of the benefits that a member may be in jeopardy of losing due to not meeting the individual requirements.* If a member is uncertain of the requirements for any of the above, they should request information in the Business Office or by contacting the appropriate office (i.e., PMA or the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans Office).

MESSAGE FROM YOUR BUSINESS AGENTS – If you see an accident or if you are in an accident yourself, call the Business Agent immediately. Do not assume that someone else has called or will call. The scene of the accident should not be altered in any way until the Business Agent has arrived and completed their investigation. *Day Business Agent (310)345-1448; *Night Business Agent (310)345-1449.

WELCOME NEW TRANSFERS – Please welcome our 26 New Transfers who started on February 26th! See the list of names posted in the glass case in the Dispatch Hall. Your patience and kindness to our new Local 63 Brothers and Sisters is sincerely appreciated.

PMA IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 8.34 FOR CLERKS' NON-AVAILABILITY – PMA continues to enforce this section of the PCCCD regarding availability. Members who do not provide PMA with written medical documentation or request an official Leave of Absence, (including extended vacations), through the JPLRC for their time away from the industry may risk possible deregistration. Members must email medical documentation to socaldocuments@pmanet.org

COVID NOTIFICATION NUMBER - If you suspect you have COVID-19 or have a confirmed case or have been exposed, the contact number for reporting to PMA is **(562) 495-7697**. If you reach a recording, leave your name, Registration #, and a call back number. PMA will call you back and start the electronic process to receive your COVID Related Leave Pay.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will be present at the Local 63 Business office on **Tuesday, March 8th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for any Local 63 members who need his services. Please call the Local 63 Business office ahead of time to schedule your appointment. **Appointment times fill up quickly, scheduling in advance is recommended.*

RETIREMENT SEMINAR – Sam Alvarado will be conducting a Retirement seminar for our interested members on Thursday, March 10th. There will be two opportunities to attend on that day – 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If you would like to participate, please call the Business Office. Location TBD.

ONLINE GST & CA SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING CLASSES – If you experience difficulty with logging in to the program, call PMA Training Department at: (310) 847-1630. For members who do not have a smart phone or computer, you will have the option to schedule in-person training classes. Once both courses are completed, a notification will be sent to PMA, and you will be paid for completing these courses. **(Note: Do not complete the GST course on a CWOOG day, PMA will not pay for CWOOG and GST on the same day. Also, do not take the course while you are on Disability). If you fail to complete these courses, you will be placed on Non-Dispatch so please get it done withing 45 days of receiving your notice, as the letter states.**