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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS



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SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA 90731

BULLETIN – MAY 2022

JOE GASPEROV
PRESIDENT

MEETINGS: May 5, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting (Warner Grand Theater)
May 17, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Suite 204)
May 18, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – Clerks Regular LRC Meeting (Suite 204)
May 19, 2022 – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Suite 200)
May 31, 2022 – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (Suite 200)



*The Business Office Will Be Closed on Monday, May 30th
In Observance of the **Memorial Day** Holiday*



NOMINATIONS OPEN APRIL 1st - MAY 2nd – The last day to secure a nomination form is Monday, May 2nd at 5:00 p.m. for the following offices: Secretary/Business Agent; Day Business Agent/Patrolman; Dispatcher (4) one-year term; Grievance Committee (10) six-month term; Promotions Committee (5) six-month term; Memorial Association (7) one-year term.

MAY 2022 ANNUAL ELECTION – Ballots will be mailed out no later than Monday, May 9th. Article IV, Section 2.H of the Local 63 Constitution states only active dues paying members in good standing, as defined in Section 2.K shall be eligible to vote on ballots prepared by the titled officers on behalf of the Local and/or various units within the Local. In order to be considered in good standing per our Constitution, you must have dues paid up to the current month and owe no more than \$100 in fines and assessments. Therefore, to be eligible to receive a ballot from the Business Office, a member must be in good standing with the Local. If you have not received a ballot, it is most likely due to the fact that you are not in good standing, so please check with the Business Office. The deadline for members to pay their outstanding balances to the Business Office is on Friday, May 27th by 5:00 p.m. to be eligible to vote. All ballots must be received at Local 63's P.O. Box or Local 63's Business Office Ballot Box by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1st in order to be counted.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022 – MEMORIAL DAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 hours if age 60 or over) in 2021. Those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 hours if age 60 or over) but less than 1300 must work two (2) of the four (4) days that week exclusive of the holiday: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday – May 31st, June 1st, June 2nd, or June 3rd 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 (700 if age 60 or over) in the previous year, are entitled to file a holiday claim or receive holiday pay.*

ANNUAL HEALTH PLAN CHOICE PERIOD – for eligible active and retired longshoremen is taking place during the month of May for Plan changes effective July 1, 2022. In addition to the May health plan choice period, eligible members may change their medical and/or dental plans once at any time during the Plan Year. Choice Forms, enrollment applications and summary plan descriptions for medical and/or dental plans are available through the Business Office. Please request via email at staff@ilwu63.net or in person. Forms must be completed by the Member and received by the Business Office via email staff@ilwu63.net, in person, fax (310)521-6343 or US Mail to 350 W. 5th St. Suite 200, San Pedro, CA 90731 no later than May 27th to ensure timely notification to the medical plans before the July 1st effective date.

ILWU BLOODY THURSDAY BOWLING TOURNAMENT – Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at Bowlero – 21915 S. Western Ave. in Torrance – Check-in Time: 10:30 a.m., Bowl Time: 12:00 p.m. Entry Fee: \$45, maximum 4 per team. Contact Rosa Golden 310-930-3420 for info on upcoming “No-tap” Bowling Tournament.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will be present at the Local 63 Business office on **Tuesday, May 10th**, 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.***

WELFARE CLAIMS – Members who did not work the required number of hours to qualify for Welfare Plan benefits to continue beyond June 30, 2021, will receive written notification from the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans that a welfare claim must be submitted. The Local will not automatically submit a claim for you. You **must** call or come into the Business Office to request a claim be submitted. It is your responsibility to provide the necessary information and request that a Welfare Claim be processed on your behalf. To ensure that you do not lose coverage on July 1, 2021, the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans office must receive your completed claim no later than May 27, 2022. Please call the Local 63 Business Office if you have any questions: (310) 521-6363.

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 call the Business office to request a claim be submitted on their behalf. May 20, 2022 is the final deadline for an approved claim payment on June 10, 2022. Any questions regarding a denial of this claim must be directed to Betty Pleas at PMA's Long Beach office.

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.

ONLINE GST & CA SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION CLASSES – for all active members must be renewed **every 2 years** now. Your last GST completion date is printed on the back of your PMA card. Once you receive your notice with the links and sign-on information, it is your responsibility to complete both modules within 45 days. If you choose to take the online courses at the Wilmington Training Center, email socalgsthelp@pmanet.org to schedule a time slot to use their computers. You must schedule this in advance as space is limited – **Do not wait until you are on non-dispatch, you will not be given preference.** Once both courses are completed, a notification will be sent to PMA, and you will be paid. (Note: Do not complete the GST course while you are on Disability or on a CWOG day). As the letter explains, failure to complete these courses within 45 days of receiving your notice will result in being placed on non-dispatch. Working while on non-dispatch, whether Steady or Hall, will result in an Employer Complaint.

WORK CARD FINES – If you incur a \$20 work card fine, it is your responsibility to ensure that month's work card is turned in electronically or physically before the following month to avoid the GW-46 Rule maximum penalty of \$200. For example, if you see "Late Work Card for Feb 2021" on your statement in March, that means your February work card was received late or it was never received. This can be verified by calling the Records Clerk at (310) 831-7963 or by viewing the "Late Work Card List" on Local 63's website www.ilwu63.net. If your card was received late (after March 10th but before March 31st), that is simply a late work card and the \$20 fine applies. If your card is received anytime after April 1st, you are in violation of GW-46 and subsequently fined \$50 per day that you work up to a maximum of 4 days/\$200. In this case, you will also be placed on the Red-Line Dispatch list until that work card is received by the Records Clerk.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR – Sam Alvarado will be conducting a Retirement seminar for our interested members on Wednesday, May 11th at ILWU Credit Union located at 3447 Atlantic Ave. in Long Beach. There will be two sessions on that day: 11:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. For reservations, email lholtan@benefitplans.org and include your name/guest name, reg. #, phone #, and time of session.

WELCOME NEW TRANSFERS – Please welcome our 25 New Transfers who started on April 30th! 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.