

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

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BULLETIN – MAY 2023

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PRESIDENT

MEETINGS: May 4, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting (Dispatch Hall)
May 16, 2023 – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Suite 204)
May 17, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. – Clerks Regular LRC Meeting (Suite 204)
May 18, 2023 – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Suite 200)
May 30, 2023 – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (Suite 200)



*The Business Office Will Be Closed on Monday, May 29th
In Observance of the **Memorial Day** Holiday*



JUNE 2023 ANNUAL ELECTION – Ballots will be mailed out no later than Tuesday, 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 26th 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 in the upstairs lobby by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 1st in order to be counted.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 – MEMORIAL DAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 hours if age 60 or over) in 2022. 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 30th, May 31st, June 1st or June 2nd 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.*

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS – In observance of mental health awareness month, ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans is hosting an event on Thursday, May 18th, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the ILWU Memorial Hall, 231 W. C St., Wilmington. Professional resources will be available to help with stress and anxiety management, emotional well-being, suicide prevention, substance abuse struggles, and more. In addition, services to help gain a “growth” mindset, positive coping skills, and calming strategies will be offered. There will be food and raffle prizes at the event. ILWU Members, Dependents, and Pensioners are welcome to attend.

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, 2023. 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 26th to ensure timely notification to the medical plans before the July 1st effective date.

NOTIFICATION OF RULE CHANGES – Please note the following rules were adopted at the March 2, 2023, Membership Meeting and are currently in effect:

Late Replacements – Any member that calls a late replacement may not pick up that job on the next dispatch.

Steady Vessel Planners Check In - Any steady member that is on both the Vessel Planner Board and the Supercargo board must add their V/P hours to their 30% S/C hours when volunteering out of the hall.

Checking In On Wrong Hours – Any member who is found guilty of chiseling will receive the following penalty in addition to other penalties currently in effect:

1st Offense – Warning Letter

2nd Offense – Must Redline for 2 weeks

3rd Offense and subsequent offenses – Must redline for 1 month

2023 PROPELLER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS OPEN – The Propeller Club of Los Angeles/Long Beach is offering scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors. This scholarship is open to high school seniors currently attending schools located in the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood, San Pedro, Wilmington, or Carson and to students of all intended majors. The deadline to complete the application is Friday, June 16, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. PST. Click this link to complete the online application: https://groupconcepts.formstack.com/forms/2023_propeller_club_la_lb_sponsorship_form_copy

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will be present at the Local 63 Business office on **Tuesday, May 23rd**, 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, 2023, 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 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, 2023, the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans office must receive your completed claim no later than May 31, 2023. Please call the 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 2022 must call the Business office to request a claim be submitted on their behalf. May 19, 2023 is the final deadline for an approved claim payment on June 9, 2023. Any questions regarding a denial of this claim must be directed to Betty Pleas at PMA's Long Beach office.

RECORDS CLERK OFFICE HOURS – Clerks are reminded that the Local 63 Records Clerk Office is open three days a week – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

