

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

350 WEST 5TH STREET, SUITE 200

SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA 90731



DANNY VILICICH
PRESIDENT

BULLETIN – MAY 2024

MEETINGS: May 2, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting (Dispatch Hall)
May 15, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. – Clerks Regular LRC Meeting (Suite 204)
May 16, 2024 – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Suite 200)
May 21, 2024 – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Suite 204)
May 29, 2024 – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (Suite 200)



*The Business Office Will Be Closed on Monday, May 27th
In Observance of the **Memorial Day** Holiday*



JUNE 2024 ANNUAL ELECTION – Ballots will be mailed out no later than Thursday, 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 31st 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 Monday, June 3rd in order to be counted.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024 – MEMORIAL DAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 hours if age 60 or over) in 2023. 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 28th, May 29th, May 30th, or May 31st 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, 2024. 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.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING CAUCUS/CONVENTION – The 39th ILWU Convention, followed by the ILWU Longshore Division Caucus, will convene on Monday, June 17th, 2024, in Vancouver Canada. Convention and Caucus resolutions to the ILWU International no later than May 24th. As such, members interested in submitting a Resolution to the Convention and/or Caucus must submit their proposed resolutions to the Local 63 Business office by Wednesday, May 15th for processing. Members may review and download a resolution template document by going to www.ilwu63.net and clicking on "Forms" under the "Resources" menu tab. Please call the Local 63 Business Office with any questions.

2024 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, May 31, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. PST. Click this link to complete the online application: https://groupconcepts.formstack.com/forms/2023_propeller_club_la_lb_sponsorship_form_copy

REMINDER: RULE GW-17 – Any Clerk checking in on either the night or day list will have to stay on that list for thirty (30) days or nights.

TOWER JOBS – At the Stop Work Membership Meeting in April, a motion was passed to amend Rule GW – 27, which would change comebacks for tower jobs to seven (7) days or nights max. Because this is a change to dispatch rules, it was automatically referred to the Executive Board, which approved the motion at their April meeting. It will now go back to the Membership for final approval at the May 2nd Membership Meeting.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will not be taking appointments at the Local 63 Business office in May. Please call his office directly at 310-833-5144.

WELFARE CLAIMS – Members who did not work the required number of hours to qualify for Welfare Plan benefits to continue beyond June 30, 2024, 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, 2024, the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans office must receive your completed claim no later than May 31, 2024. 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 2023 must call the Business office to request a claim be submitted on their behalf. May 17, 2024 is the final deadline for an approved claim payment on June 7, 2024. Any questions regarding a denial of this claim must be directed to Betty Pleas at PMA's Long Beach office.

MESSAGE FROM THE WORK CARD COMMITTEE – For helpful instructions on correctly completing your time card on the “MyTimeBook” App, visit www.ilwu63.net and click on Resources tab, then Work Card App instructions. Also, to view a sample of a handwritten time card with specific instructions on completing it by hand, click on the Resources tab, then Forms/Local 63 Time Card. If you do not have a copy of the Working and Dispatch Rules, please come in and request one from Staff.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – “Unions have been the only powerful and effective voice working people have ever had in the history of this country.” – Bruce Springsteen

