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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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**BULLETIN – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2010**

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PRESIDENT

**MEETINGS** – September 2, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting  
September 8, 2010 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting  
September 15, 2010 – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting  
September 16, 2010 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting  
September 22, 2010 – 12:00 Noon – Promotions Committee Meeting

**DUES INCREASE** – Per the 2008 contract language, every member working under the longshore contract will receive a one-dollar per hour raise. Therefore, effective September 1, 2010, per the Constitution, Article X, Section 1, the monthly dues of the Local will increase to \$298.80.

**SEPTEMBER SPECIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT – CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE** – The two enclosed constitutional changes are the first of a list of changes needed in order to bring our Constitution up to date. Over the next six months the Officers hope to present to the Executive Board and membership changes that not only bring the Union compliant with current laws, but also make changes which simply make more sense. In order for the membership to review changes in Articles 1 – 5 in advance of the meeting, proposed changes will be posted in the glass case in the Dispatch Hall. When they are posted, please take the time to review so the appropriate dialog can take place at the Membership Meeting.

**DELINQUENT WORK CARDS** – By Executive Board action and membership approval, members who are cited to the Grievance Committee for failing to turn in work cards will be notified via Certified mail as well as receiving hand delivered notices by the Business Agents. If these members fail to turn in their missing work cards by the Regular Membership Meeting of the appropriate month, the Friday following this meeting, they will be placed on non-dispatch or pulled off their jobs until such time as the work cards are completed and turned in as well as incurring potential fines.

**TACO VENDOR** – Will return to cater the September Regular Membership Meeting.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WELFARE DIRECTOR** – The Trustees of the ILWU/PMA Welfare Plan have announced the appointment of Sam Alvarado to replace Ron Costa who retired in February of this year. Mr. Alvarado's office and telephone number remain the same as our previous Director: 28924 S. Western Avenue, Suite 202, Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275; telephone number (310) 833-5144. Please be aware that Mr. Alvarado represents Locals 63, 13, 94, 26, 29, and 46. He has only one (1) telephone line and no receptionist, so if he cannot answer your telephone call, please leave a message and he WILL return your call as soon as possible.

**ILWU CONTRACT CLASS** – Through a special arrangement with L.A. Trade Tech College, the ILWU will again be offering a one-of-a-kind college course open to all members. Utilizing ILWU curriculum and examples this full-credit class will offer a fast paced, step-by-step approach to understanding the ILWU contract. This year's classes will begin on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will run for four (4) consecutive Thursdays. The fee is \$20.00 and the classes will take place in the Local 63 Labor Room, Suite 204 of 350 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street in San Pedro. Sign-ups will occur at the first class. For more information, contact Patricia Aguirre at (310) 210-6774 or email: [ilwupa@aol.com](mailto:ilwupa@aol.com).

**SAFETY & JURISDICTION** – *These are two (2) of the most important union issues. Every minute of every work day members should be cognizant of their role in protecting their future.*

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**NIGHT BASICS NOT QUALIFIED** – Be aware that the original agreement for Basics going nights was not only the obligation to cover Supercargo work but also the responsibility of these members to complete their Basic qualifying. As it has been over 3-years now, there is no excuse for not being Key qualified; get it done or go back to Days.

**SMALL CLAIMS** – The Local has completed its preparation for taking delinquent members to Small Claims Court who owe over \$150. The last round of Certified mail will be mailed out in early September. Upon receipt of this correspondence, any member wishing to contest any billing will be given a 2<sup>nd</sup> and final review on Thursday, September 16, 2010.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTIONS AND ACTIONS** – *Vessel Planners*: The Executive Board reviewed Section 8 of the Vessel Planner Supplement to clarify that “Any member who is registered as a Vessel Planner has the obligation to fill Vessel Planner jobs before taking any non-vessel Planner jobs when checked into the Dispatch Hall.” *Supercargo Dispatch Procedure Changes*: Per the Executive Board of November 19, 2009 any member who has worked any given day as a Supercargo during a week is relieved from the obligation of that week, as well as any member who has worked a total of four (4) Supercargo jobs for the month is relieved for the remainder of the month. Per Regular Membership Meeting action of July 1, 2010, the Rule for Key and Basic Clerks was amended to allow for Key and Basic Clerks who volunteer for a 30% job to be exempt from having to take another 30% job or flop for seven (7) days from the day they volunteer for the 30% job. Currently, the Rule reads that the week begins on Saturday and only covers the person until the following Saturday.

**CITT SYMPOSIUM ON THE PANAMA CANAL EXPANSION: THE BATTLE FOR JOBS AND CARGO** – The center will stage its inaugural *Point/Counterpoint* event where scholars and industry experts will review the facts and offer their perspective on the canal’s expansion, and challenge existing assumptions about implications for West Coast ports, jobs, and cargo volume. This conference will take place on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center at CSULB. The event is free but registration is recommended. For more information or to register, call (562) 985-2872 or email: [Point-Counterpoint@ccpe.csulb.edu](mailto:Point-Counterpoint@ccpe.csulb.edu).

**ILWU 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRI-PARTY GOLF TOURNAMENT** – This year’s event will take place at the Indian Canyon Golf Resort in Palm Springs on September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Entry fee is \$200 per player and all proceeds will be donated to Miller Children’s Hospital in Long Beach. Saturday will include a BBQ and a banquet will be held on Sunday following golf. For accommodation information, please contact the Tri-Party Committee - Mark Grgas: (310) 808-7654, John Dadich: (310) 218-9860; Gary Alexander: (310) 930-7711; Red McGovern: (310) 920-3604.

**THANK YOU MARK MAKI** – After 37 years of service to Local 63 as a Promotions Committeeman, Mark retired as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Each and every Local 63 member was at one time assisted by Mark during their pre-qualifying, Key qualifying and/or Supercargo qualifying. The Local Officers honored Mark at the July Membership Meeting and gifted him with a personalized golf putter as a token of the Local’s appreciation.

**WBCT ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION** – During the period of August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> WBCT will be experiencing construction work from the new bridge between the Berth 100 and Berth 126 yard locations along the access road leading to the ILWU longshore parking lot. There will NOT be a road closure and the contractor company will provide flag men to direct traffic through the area which will include reduced speed. Please allow additional time to report to any job assignments at WBCT during these days.

**BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS** – Effective September 1, 2010, the Business Office will return to its regular hours of Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Members who need to conduct business with the staff (i.e. paying outstanding fines prior to going steady) must do so during the normal office hours.