

INTERNATIONAL
LONGSHORE &
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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



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PRESIDENT

BULLETIN – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2013

MEETINGS: September 5, 2013 – Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting (Hall)
September 11, 2013 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – So. Cal. District Council (Ste. 204)
September 19, 2013 – Thursday – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200)
September 17, 2013 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee (Ste. 204)
September 24, 2013 – Tuesday – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee (Ste. 204)

DUES INCREASE – Due to the June 29, 2013 contractual hourly wage increase for Marine Clerks, in accordance with Article X, Section 1A of the Marine Clerks Constitution as amended December, 2004, and approved by Membership action at the August 1st 2nd Shift Stop Work Membership Meeting, the new adjusted dues amount will be increased from \$314.80 to \$322.80 effective as of the September 2013 dues deduction. This amount includes the \$81.93 International Per Capita, Coast Pro Rata and Local 63's share of the Coast Technology Coordinator. Local 63's dues remain the same, set at eight (8) hours S/T @ the 25% skill rate.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND – LABOR DAY – Is a no work holiday. Members must be available for work at least two (2) of the four (4) days, exclusive of the holiday date, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, September 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th. Members off work on disability must submit written medical documentation covering them for the entire week of the holiday in order to have the Business Office file a claim on their behalf. Reminder – only those members who **worked** at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2012 are entitled to receive or file claims for paid holidays in 2013.

US CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION – When working with Customs exams, an x-ray operation or even inspecting containers, members are reminded to cooperate fully with the US Customs Officer. If he/she requests a specific container be inspected or x-rayed and the container is not in the working queue or list of exam containers, please cooperate and then notify your immediate supervisor or call the Business Agent. Customs Officers often have their own specific lists of containers they are looking for and are federal officers who have the right to access all areas on the dock or on the vessel to examine containers. They may also secure an area restricting access until their exam is complete. After the area is cleared by the Customs Officer, then Marine Clerks will be allowed access to complete their traditional Marine Clerk work as provided in the PCCCD. If any member has any questions regarding a Customs operation, please contact the Business Agent or one of the Local Officers.

DISPATCH HALL REMINDER – Please be aware that the Dispatch Hall is for Local 63 members only. Please refrain from bringing non-members (i.e. children and/or pets) with you while conducting your business in the Hall.

ILWU FEDERATED LADIES AUXILIARY 8 – will be celebrating their 75 years of service to the Union on Friday, October 18th from 6 p.m. to midnight in Wilmington with a dinner/dance. Tickets will be available for sale the week of August 26th for \$35 per person or \$280 for a table of eight (8) by contacting them at auxiliary8@aol.com or (310) 650-9286.

LOCAL 63 FIRST ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS – The following students were recognized and awarded monetarily for their continued upper-level educations at the August 1st Membership Meeting: Dennis Bark Jr., Baylee Mitsuhashi, Catalina Traylor, Lionel Miller, Ivan Rendon, Marcus Carreon, Evan Clark, William Clark and Paul Mitre. The Scholarship Committee and Officers wish these students luck in their future educational endeavors.

34TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE - Assembly begins at 8 a.m. at Broad & E Street in Wilmington with the march beginning at 10 a.m. concluding with a rally at Banning Park at 12 p.m. where there will be speakers, music, hot dogs, and soft drinks. This year's theme is "Stop the War on Workers". This event is always well attended and is a great way to celebrate Labor Day with our union brothers and sisters. Volunteers are needed by the Pensioners Club to help man their booth from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Interested members may call the Business Office at (310) 521-6363.

LABOR DAY TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN WORKER ABOARD THE BATTLESHIP IOWA presented by Go Country 105 FM, held on Saturday, August 31, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at 250 S. Harbor Blvd., San Pedro 90731. There will be game booths, community & service booths, great food and live entertainment. Save up to 45% off Battleship IOWA tour tickets if purchased in advance. Just \$10.00 at www.labattleship.com NOW! All visitors will be entered to win a pair of Cirque Du Soleil tickets to a VIP Preview Show of *Totem*.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will continue to be present on the 2nd and 4th Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for any Local 63 members who are in need of his services. He will set up office in the small conference room located in the Local 63 Business Office. Members may call ahead to make an appointment or just stop by on these same days monthly. These are dedicated days for Local 63 members only. Members who are unable to meet with him on those days may still call and/or make appointments for his office on Western Avenue in San Pedro at (310) 833-5144. Local 63 scheduled dates for September are the 12th and 26th.

ONGOING PROBLEMATIC WELFARE CLAIMS – Due to the overwhelming issues with unpaid welfare claims and other coverage problems, Zenith/Coastwise Claims representatives will continue to be present until further notice: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in an office located next to the Local 13 office at 620 So. Centre Street in San Pedro. Members who have unresolved issues with the welfare plan may bring copies of their EOB's, claims, and/or medical bills for review. Any inappropriate behavior such as discriminatory remarks, harassing conduct, cursing, shouting or threats will not be tolerated.

TWIC RENEWAL UPDATE – Members should check their TWIC cards to confirm when they will expire. Do not get caught unable to work because your card has expired! The current locations for replacement or renewal of TWIC cards are as follows:

- 1) TWIC Enrollment Center – Avalon Plaza, 460 Carson Plaza Drive, Suite 114, Carson, CA. 90746: Hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 2) TWIC Enrollment Center – 2501 E. 28th Street, Suite 105, Signal Hill, CA. 90755
Hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Transportation Worker Identifications Credentials (TWIC) help desk phone number: 1-866-347-8942

QUOTES OF THE MONTH:

“Labor can not stand still. It must not retreat. It must go on, or go under” - *Harry Bridges*

“Everyone must be prepared for Contract 2014, it is right around the corner” – *President Podue*