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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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## BULLETIN – MARCH 2009

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PRESIDENT

**MEETINGS** – April 2, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. – Membership Meeting  
April 8, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting  
April 14, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting  
April 15, 2009 – 12 Noon – Promotions Committee Meeting  
April 16, 2009 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

**NOMINATIONS OPEN – APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>** – for the following offices: Secretary/BA (1); Day Business Agent/Patrolman (1); Night Business Agent/Patrolman (1); Dispatchers (4); Board of Trustees (3) six-month term; Grievance Committee (17) six-month term; Labor Relations Committee (1); Memorial Association (7). Election will be by mail ballot, mailed no later than May 25<sup>th</sup>, returned postmarked no later than Midnight, June 9<sup>th</sup> or in the Business Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9<sup>th</sup>; results posted by 5:00 p.m. on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION** – Enclosed, please find a copy of the current Local 63 Constitution and a copy of a new proposed Local 63 Constitution. Please take some time to review both of these documents and bring any questions and/or concerns to the next scheduled Membership Meeting. This proposed Constitution will be discussed and finalized at that meeting and will then be placed on the June 2009 referendum ballot for ratification and adoption.

**TWIC ID CARD DEADLINE** – Please be aware that as of April 14<sup>th</sup>, all workers **MUST** have a TWIC card in order to access the terminals. Those members who do not have their TWIC cards by this date will be denied entrance to the terminals and subsequently be unable to work until they have this card in their possession; there are **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please make certain that you carry this card with you at all times.

**FINAL VACATION CLAIM PAYMENTS** – Members who **STILL** need to file a claim for additional vacation paid week(s) must contact the Business Office prior to May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the final adjustment payment on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Those members who need to file a claim for additional week(s) and/or a vacation qualifying good year due to a work related injury must provide the Business Office with written documentation from the Department of Labor in addition to their written medical documentation. Copies of claims which are denied by PMA will be forwarded to the members.

**WELFARE COVERAGE CLAIMS** – The business office has filed on behalf of those members who did not work the required number of hours (800) or (700) if age 60 or over in 2008 due to disability status. Members who are missing the required documentation or parts thereof have been notified via U.S. mail. It is imperative that the business office receive this documentation in a timely manner to avoid these members and their dependents losing welfare coverage as of July 1, 2009.

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**ON THE JOB INJURIES** – This is to serve as a reminder that if you are injured on the job, you have the right to see the medical doctor of your choice. You do not have to go to the medical facility that the Employer sends you to unless you agree to. Should you have any problems with this issue, contact Eric Richardson, the Deputy Director at the Department of Labor, Longshore Division (562) 980-3576.

**DISPATCH REMINDERS** – 1) All night-side members must be checked-in by 12:00 p.m. Members not checked-in by this time must Redline after dispatch.  
2) The check-in tapes are for convenience purposes only, they are not a guarantee. Members who check-in with the tape must still come in prior to Dispatch to make certain they are on the Board.

**VACATION REMINDER FROM THE RECORDS CLERK** – It is **extremely** important that members remember to post their vacation hours on the **front as well as the inside** of their work cards to be assured of receiving accurate vacation credit. Additionally, vacation hours may be taken as either 5 & 7 days but may **only** be applied for credit of increments of 40 hours only (i.e. 40 hours = 1 week, 80 hours = 2 weeks, etc.)

**ILWU CONTRACT CLASS** - Through a special arrangement with L.A. Trade Tech College, the ILWU is 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 contract. Topics will include: contract overview 1934 – 2002; 2008 MOU; hours & shifts; guarantees; wages; holidays; vacations; dispatch; health & safety; grievance procedure; clerks' technology and health & pension benefits. These classes will take place in the Local 63 Labor Room located at 350 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 204 in San Pedro and will take place over four (4) Mondays, April 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fee is \$20.00 and members may sign-up the first day of class on April 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Patricia Aguirre (310) 210-6774 or [ilwupa@aol.com](mailto:ilwupa@aol.com).