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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS



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DANNY VILICICH
PRESIDENT

BULLETIN – AUGUST 2024

MEETINGS:

- August 1, 2024 – Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – Stop Work Membership Meeting**
- August 15, 2024 – Thursday – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200)**
- August 20, 2024 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)**
- August 21, 2024 – Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – Regular Clerks LRC Meeting (PMA)**
- August 28, 2024 – Wednesday – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)**

*****LOCALS 13 AND 63 WILL BE HOLDING A STOP WORK MEETING ON AUGUST 1, 2024*****
~ Please plan on attending ~

SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE 2024 CONVENTION/CAUCUS ASSESSMENT –

As announced at the July 11th Stop Work Membership Meeting, the Trustees' recommendation to implement a \$65.00 per month, for 3 months, membership assessment to cover the net costs of Local 63's delegation to the 2024 ILWU Convention and Caucus, has been approved for a Secret Ballot vote of the membership. The total amount assessed will be \$195.00.

The Local 63 Officers will conduct this secret ballot vote of members in good standing at Local 63's Dispatch Hall during the Local's next Stop Work Membership Meeting, which will be held on **Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** The polls will be open between **6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** with ballots to be counted immediately following the closing of the polls.

Eligibility to Vote: Pursuant to Local 63 Constitution Article IV, Sections 2 (H) & (K), only members in good standing, i.e., dues paid up to the current month and owing no more than \$100 in fines, are eligible to vote. Members who have fallen out of good standing due to being behind in payment of dues or fines and wish to vote, may bring themselves into good standing by making the required payment of dues and/or fines at the Local 63 Business Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

DISPATCH HALL ADMINISTRATOR – The Clerks Joint Port Labor Relations Committee has agreed to open the application process and hire a Dispatch Hall Administrator (DHA), including reliefs, starting July 22nd for a period of 30 days. This position will require the performance of multiple tasks and candidates must have computer experience, at least 18 months in Local 63, and be proficient in Microsoft Office. Any member wishing to apply must submit a resume to the Local 63 Business Office no later than August 21, 2024.

SICK DUES INCREASE - Please be advised that effective August 1st 2024 the sick dues rate has increased from \$105.80 to \$121.70 due to the Coast increase of \$15.90 per month for pro rata/per capita.

RADIO ETIQUETTE - RULE 420 & 660 OF THE SAFETY CODE PCMSC - "Radios are provided to pass essential information during operations. Communications on all radio channels shall be kept to an absolute minimum. Radio communications will be affirmed by all employees. Using a radio for personal communication is prohibited."

PAID HOLIDAY, SUNDAY, JULY 28th - HARRY BRIDGES BIRTHDAY – Is a normal work day and an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2023. For those members who did not meet the automatic holiday requirements, they must be available for work at least two (2) of the four (4) days exclusive of the holiday (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday: July 30th, July 31st, Aug. 1st, or Aug. 2nd). **As this year’s holiday falls on a Sunday, the overtime day shall be observed on Monday, July 29, 2024.**

If a member worked less than 1300 hours but **at least** 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2023 and is on disability during the holiday week, he/she must request the Business Office to file a claim on their behalf with the appropriate medical documentation covering them for that week, or if on vacation during the holiday week, notify the Records Clerk. *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.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will be present at the Local 63 Business office on **Wednesday, August 14th**, 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.*

MESSAGE FROM THE GRIEVANCE AND WORK CARD COMMITTEES – When filling out the work card, be sure to check hours for accuracy, completion of all columns/fields (front and back on physical work card) including daily totals. Also, MCA (Marine Clerk Average) must be shown **in the notes section** when applicable. If utilizing the Work Card App, you must hit ‘**Submit**’ when it’s complete for the Records Clerk to receive it. It’s always a good idea to log into the Local 63 Work Card Portal at www.local63workcard.com or by clicking on the “Work Card Portal” link on Local 63’s website, in order to confirm that your work card was received. If you have any questions about completing your work card, see the Records Clerk.

GW-27 REMINDER - as approved at the June 6, 2024, Membership Meeting, Comebacks for all Non-Ship Key Jobs (Towers Included) are for (7) seven days and nights.

WORK CARD FINES – If you incur a \$20 work card fine, it is your responsibility to ensure that month’s work card is turned in electronically or physically before the following month to avoid the GW-46 Rule maximum penalty of \$200. For example, if you see “Late Work Card for June 2024” on your statement in July, that means your June work card was received late or it was never received. This can be verified by calling the Records Clerk at (310) 831-7963 or by viewing the “Late Work Card List” on Local 63’s website www.ilwu63.net . If your card was received late (after July 10th but before July 31st), that is simply a late work card and the \$20 fine applies. If your June work card is received any time after August 1st, you are in violation of GW-46 and subsequently fined \$50 per day that you work up to a maximum of 4 days/\$200. In this case, you will also be placed on the Red-Line Dispatch list until that work card is received by the Records Clerk.

DOUBLE BACKING – If you have a comeback, make sure to call your own replacement and don’t rely on the Company, Supercargo, or Chief Supervisor to do it for you. Remember: **You are responsible for your own replacement.** For additional information refer to Rule GW-33. Please note the following: *A member must have a zero balance on their account with the Local in order to Double Back.* Local 63 has an online payment portal that may be reached by clicking “Payment Portal” on Local 63’s website. The Payment Portal allows you to view and pay your outstanding dues and fines online. The system is very easy to use, and the payment will immediately post to your account, and you will receive a receipt via email.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – The most important word in the language of the working class is Solidarity. – Harry Bridges