

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



JOE GASPEROV
PRESIDENT

BULLETIN – MAY 2026

MEETINGS: May 7, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting (Dispatch Hall)
May 13, 2026 – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Suite 204)
May 20, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. – Clerks Regular LRC Meeting (Suite 204)
May 21, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Suite 200)
May 27, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (Suite 200)



*The Business Office Will Be Closed on Monday, May 25th
In Observance of the Memorial Day Holiday*



JUNE 2026 ANNUAL ELECTION – Ballots will be mailed out no later than Friday, May 8th. 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 29th 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 1st in order to be counted.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 – MEMORIAL DAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 hours if age 60 or over) in 2025. 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 26th, May 27th, May 28th or May 29th, 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.*

SEMINAR FOR LOCAL 63 UNION MEMBERS: LIFE INSURANCE AND LONG-TERM CARE

INSURANCE - ILWU Credit Union Investment Services is pleased to offer Local 63 members a no-cost seminar focused on Life Insurance and Long-Term Care Insurance. This seminar is specifically designed for ILWU members to help identify potential gaps in union-provided benefits and explore options to better protect you and your family. During the seminar, participants will gain an understanding of Life Insurance protection, including the key differences between Term Life and Permanent Life policies. In addition, the seminar will cover various insurance solutions designed to help manage potential Long-Term Care needs and concerns in retirement. All Local 63 members are welcome to attend. Choose from two dates: Tuesday, June 9 at 12:00 p.m. at the Local 63 Hall, 350 W. 5th Street in San Pedro, or Thursday, June 11 at 12:00 p.m. at the ILWU Credit Union Long Beach Branch, 3447 Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach. To register for either session, visit <https://www.ilwucu.org/seminar> or call 866.445.9828.

LOCAL 63 WEBSITE PASSWORD PROTECTION – Effective Monday, June 1, 2026, the “Dispatch” and “Resources” menus on the Local 63 website will only be accessible to Local 63 members. For members already registered in the free Local 63 app, you will simply utilize the same log-in credentials. For members not already registered in the Local 63 app, you will need to register on this web page: <https://ilwu63.app.unionconnect.com/signup>. If you have any technical difficulties, please contact Robert Maynez at (310) 521-6363, option 5, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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, 2026. 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 and enrollment applications 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 Benefit Plans before the July 1st effective date.

PROPELLER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS – The Propeller Club of Los Angeles-Long Beach is offering scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 for graduating high school seniors. In 2019, the Board of Governors established two additional \$1,000 scholarships in memory of David Arian and Adam Birkenbach to honor their contributions. In 2025, the Board introduced an additional scholarship in honor of John Ochs, continuing the club’s commitment to supporting students and honoring outstanding individuals in the maritime community. In 2026, the Board further expanded its commitment to supporting future maritime leaders by establishing the Monika Wegener Memorial Scholarship, by honoring her extraordinary legacy and decades of service to the Propeller Club and broader maritime community. This scholarship is open to high school seniors currently residing in and/or attending schools located in the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood, San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City or Carson and demonstrating deserving academic records, outstanding citizenship and school and community service. You can apply on the Propellor Club website www.propellerclublab.org. The deadline to complete the Scholarship application is Friday, May 22, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PST. Recipients will be notified by June 8, 2026. If you have any questions regarding this, please email jenn@propellerclublab.org.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTORS – Sam Alvarado or Robin Leake will be present at the Local 63 Business office on **Wednesday, May 13th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for any Local 63 members who need their 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.*

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 2025 **must contact the Business Office to request that a claim be submitted on their behalf** and provide a copy of their Vacation Notice. The second and final claim deadline is Friday, May 15th, for approved claim payment on Friday, June 12th. Payment of approved vacation claims will be on your regular paycheck. No further claims will be paid in the 2026 calendar year. It is imperative that your doctor’s note is submitted to the Business Office in a timely manner with **NO** lapses in dates. This documentation must be dated, on doctor’s letterhead and signed by the doctor. Your doctor’s note **must** include the wording that you were **“unable to work” or “TTD”** (temporarily totally disabled) from the first date of the disability to a projected or actual date of return. Disability status includes continuous absence due to Workmen’s Compensation, State Disability, or any other illness or injury. Members who were off work due to Workmen’s Compensation must also provide a copy of their LS-208 from the Dept. of Labor.

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