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SIU Celebrates Reopening of Norfolk Hall





Union members, pensioners, officials and guests joined together July 25 to commemorate the formal reopening of the hiring hall at 115 Third Street in Norfolk, Virginia. The ceremony (and luncheon) marked the culmination of a massive renovation that started last year. SIU Asst. VP Pat Vandegrift (above, right) oversaw the project, which met with very favorable reactions from the assembled guests. Pictured above, left, immediately after the ribbon-cutting portion of the ceremony are (from left) ITF Inspector Bobbi Shipley, Seafarers Trustee Tony Naccarato, SIU Port Agent Mario Torrey, Maersk VP Ed Hanley, retired SIU VP Kermett Mangram (who did the honors), Pastor O.L. Cromwell (rear), SIU Secretary-Treasurer Tom Orzechowski, SIU President David Heindel, Seafarers Plans Administrator Maggie Bowen and SIU Executive VP Augie Tellez. *Pages 10-11*.

New Pasha Ship Christened



SIU President David Heindel (left) was a featured speaker Aug. 9 as Seafarers-contracted Pasha Hawaii christened its new containership *Janet Marie* in Oakland, California. Pictured at the event are (from left) Heindel, company President and CEO George Pasha IV, SIU VP West Coast Nick Marrone and Elyse Pasha, wife of George. The ship is sailing in the Jones Act trade. *Page 3*.

Philly Shipyard Event Underscores Administration's Support of Maritime



President Biden on July 20 expressed strong support for the Jones Act and the overall U.S. maritime industry as he delivered keynote remarks at Philly Shipyard. The ceremony marked the start of construction on a first-of-its-kind offshore wind vessel being built for SIU-contracted Great Lakes Dredge and Dock. SIU President David Heindel met with Biden before the ceremony – and the union got a shout-out from the commander in chief during his speech. Pictured at the shipyard are (from left) SIU Philadelphia Port Agent Joe Baselice, U.S. Rep. Mary Scanlon (D-Pennsylvania) and Heindel. *Page 2*.

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President's Report

New and Improved

In the very near future, *Seafarers LOG* readers will notice some changes to our official publication's look. We are taking advantage of advancements in the printing industry to help improve our product while not appreciably adding to our costs.

David Heindel

Our format won't be radically different (slightly smaller in size) but I'm confident you'll agree that the fresh look is an improvement. We're not cutting back on the amount of content, either. Stay tuned.

We regularly examine our methods of communication, and I believe it still makes sense for us to produce a monthly publication. When and if that changes, we won't hesitate to adjust accordingly.

Meanwhile, for those who don't know, we also have a solid online presence and we've offered a text-alert service for the last decade. In addition to our website (launched in 1997), we're active on social media, including multi-platform posts

every weekday and usually one day on the weekend. We also post every edition of the *LOG* online, going all the way back to the newspaper's launch almost 85 years ago.

The printed page remains valuable and viable for the SIU in part because connectivity at sea is, shall we say, still evolving. There is no doubt it is improving, and both the union and our contracted operators are fully committed to maximizing availability. But there are technological limits (just as there are ashore) that result in stretches of no cell service or no Wi-Fi or both. That's not to say that online reading and skimming the printed page is an either/or proposition, but, let's face it, when your phone or tablet or laptop won't connect, it's good to have another option.

We also keep in touch with other unions about the most effective ways to stay in touch with rank-and-file members. What I've learned is that the organizations who abandoned their respective publications quickly regretted it. There may be an exception here or there, but the anecdotal evidence is solid.

Similarly, the feedback we receive from the membership – across all age groups – strongly supports maintaining a periodical.

Lastly and again for those who may not know, while the *LOG* first and foremost serves as a community newspaper, we also use it to spread the word to the outside world about your outstanding work, and about the union's positions on maritime issues and workers' rights. We do not skimp with our online efforts, but you can't hand somebody a website. And if anyone doubts the effectiveness of direct mail, check your mailbox ahead of next year's elections.

I'm excited about the *LOG's* upcoming revamp and I welcome your feedback once you've seen the new look.

The SIU Turns 85

Next month marks 85 years since the Seafarers International Union received its charter. On a personal note, I am grateful to have been part of the organization for 50 of those years (and counting).

We have a proud history and a bright future. Our members are second to none when it comes to professionalism, efficiency and (in my view) community-mindedness. We have a world-class training center to keep up with the times. We have solid working relationships with our operators, and we have political strength that helps ensure support for the U.S. Merchant Marine from our military and at every level of government.

I am proud to be your president and I'm excited to continue working on your behalf.



With union workers in the background, President Biden gives a pro-worker speech during a ceremony at Philly Shipyard. (Photo from White House Twitter feed)

Biden Gives Shout-Out to SIU, Jones Act

With SIU President David Heindel seated near the podium, President Biden on July 20 offered supportive remarks about both the union and America's freight cabotage law during a speech at Philly Shipyard (which employs union workers).

Biden was there to help celebrate the ceremonial start of construction of the first offshore wind vessel of its kind (a scour ship, the Acadia) to be Made in America and Jones Act-compliant. The vessel, which will place rocks on the seabed to secure the base for offshore wind turbines, is being constructed for Seafarers-contracted Great Lakes Dredge and Dock.

With hundreds of unionized workers in attendance, Biden noted that the SIU will provide shipboard manpower when the vessel is completed. He mentioned that several other unions will be involved in the ship's construction.

He also stated, "Some folks may not know, there was a law in 1920 called the Jones Act that was passed. It says ships travelling between U.S. ports have to be American-built, American-owned and have American crews. There are some who are content to rely on ships built overseas, without American crews to operate them. Again, not on my watch. We're strengthening American shipbuilding, supporting good union jobs, and bringing offshore-wind supply chains back home."

Heindel met with Biden before the ceremony.

"I thanked the president for his support of the Jones Act and the U.S. Merchant Marine. I also thanked him for bringing good union jobs for the wind industry," Heindel stated.

During the ceremony, Biden talked about "the progress we've made building an economy from the middle out and the bottom up."

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He said unions "built the middle class, and it changed the economic direction of this country."

Turning his attention to recent job growth, Biden cited "over 13 million new jobs built across the country and nearly half a million of them here in Pennsylvania just in the last two-and-a-half years. Eight hundred-thousand manufacturing jobs (created in the U.S.), 28,000 here in Pennsylvania alone in the last two-and-a-half years. That's more jobs in two years than any president has created in a four-year term. Unemployment is below 4 percent – the longest stretch of unemployment below 4 percent in the last 50 years. We're beginning to come back, folks. We can because we're giving workers a chance."

The president also said that his "Investing in America agenda is bringing our clean energy supply chains home. Since I took office, we've seen more than \$16 billion in new offshore wind investments, including 18 offshore wind vessels, 12 manufacturing facilities, and 13 ports. Today, we announced the first-ever offshore wind sale in the Gulf of Mexico. We're going to the Gulf.... Across the Delaware River in Paulsboro, New Jersey, workers are welding the steel foundation for another large-scale wind project. That's going to create more than 3,000 good-paying jobs. A project off the coast of New York will use a vessel built in the shipyards of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida and rely on an electrical substation engineered in Kansas and made in Texas."

He added, "All this investment means good-paying jobs here at home. We're making sure these new jobs come free and fair and (with) the ability to join a union if you're not already in one. I made a commitment that I'd be the most pro-union president in American history – and I'm keeping that promise."

Expanding on that commitment, Biden said he routinely tells business leaders that "union workers are the best in the world.... You do the job right, and long-term, it costs (management) less than non-union labor."

Celebrating Maritime in Houston





SIU VP Gulf Coast Dean Corgey (left in both photos) met with U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg (right in photo above, right) and U.S. Maritime Administrator Ann Phillips (right in remaining photo) Aug. 4 during a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Houston for a federally funded container terminal expansion project. "It was a great opportunity to discuss the Jones Act, cargo preference, the Maritime Security Program, recruiting and training, and port infrastructure grants," said Corgey, a longtime member of the Port Commission of the Port of Houston Authority.

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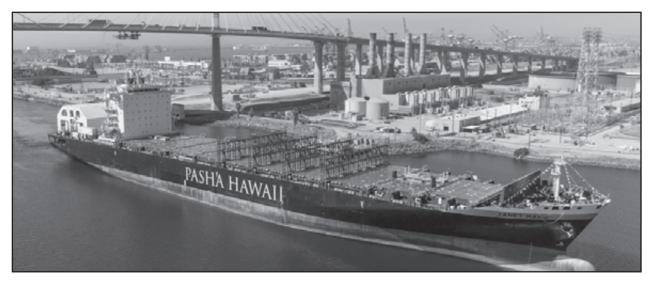
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Pasha's Janet Marie Christened



The SIU-crewed *Janet Marie*, pictured in Long Beach, California, is sailing in the Jones Act trade. (Photo courtesy Port of Long Beach)



In commemoration of the *Janet Marie's* first call to the Port of Long Beach, Harbor Commission President Sharon L. Weissman (center) presents Pasha Hawaii President and CEO George Pasha IV (center) and *Janet Marie* Capt. Doug Fisher (standing next to George Pasha) with a plaque in honor of the captain and crew. (Photo courtesy Port of Long Beach)

Crowley Tug Artemis Signals New Jobs for Seafarers



The new tug will mean additional jobs for SIU boatmen on the West Coast.

Seafarers-contracted Crowley recently announced that it has entered into the company's fourth long-term charter for its newest Tier IV ship assist tug, the *Artemis*, with SIU-contracted Brusco Tug & Barge. "The powerful, state-of-the-art vessel reinforces the company's commitment to sustainability while providing high performance," Crowley said in a news release

According to Crowley, the 77-foot tug "will deliver 7,000 horsepower with a bollard pull of 96 tons using two Caterpillar Marine 3516 Tier IV-compliant engines, meeting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emission standards. *Artemis* will also feature advanced technology to enhance maneuverability and provide operators with remote monitoring of its performance, making it highly efficient and versatile for various operations."

"Artemis will not only offer the most power for its size like its sister vessel Athena; it showcases our dedication to

providing environmentally efficient services while maintaining the highest standards of performance and reliability," said Paul Manzi, vice president, Crowley Shipping. "We are grateful to continue collaborating with Brusco Tug & Barge and Diversified Marine to bring new vessels that advance the industry's capabilities."

The *Artemis* is slated to enter service later this year, serving Los Angeles and Long Beach with ship assists and escorts.

"We are proud of our Hercules Class tugs and pleased to continue our partnership with Crowley and Brusco Tug & Barge," said Frank Manning, president, Diversified Marine. "This will be the sixth DMI-built tug in Crowley's fleet and the eleventh we have built for Brusco. Our company is based on relationships, and we are very thankful for the relationship we have with these forward-thinking operators."

The SIU recently helped formally celebrate the addition of a new Jones Act vessel.

Seafarers-contracted Pasha Hawaii on Aug. 9 hosted a christening ceremony in Oakland, California, for its containership *MV Janet Marie*. SIU President David Heindel was a featured speaker at the gathering; SIU Vice President West Coast Nick Marrone also attended, as did rank-and-file Seafarers.

As reported in the August *LOG*, the LNG-powered vessel was delivered July 11. In addition to the christening, the company also previously conducted smaller commemorations for the *Janet Marie's* first calls on the ports of Long Beach, California, and Honolulu, Hawaii, respectively.

During the christening, Heindel underscored "the significance of brand-new, state-of-the-art, American-built tonnage entering the U.S. fleet and sailing with American mariners. This is truly something to celebrate."

He saluted the company's "incredible commitment to our Seafarers, to our flag, and to our national, economic and homeland security. I know that our members are doing great work aboard this fine new ship, and George (Pasha IV, company president and CEO), you can count on us to continue taking good care of your mother's namesake and to assure the delivery of her cargo."

Heindel also pointed out that "ships like the *Janet Marie* help our country maintain a pool of well-trained, reliable, U.S.-citizen seafarers who are available to work aboard military support ships as needed."

The *Janet Marie* is the second of two new 'Ohana Class, 774-foot containerships built at AmFELS in Brownsville, Texas. The company's first vessel in the class, the SIU-crewed *MV George III*, began service in August 2022, becoming the first LNG-powered containership to call on the Bay Area.

Pasha Hawaii is a subsidiary of the 76-year-old, third-generation, family-owned company The Pasha Group, whose roots were planted in the Bay Area in 1947. The *George III* and *Janet Marie* are named in honor of the late parents of George Pasha, IV.

"These ships represent the legacy of my parents and the company they helped build from humble beginnings in San Francisco," said George Pasha IV. "The success of our family business has always been based on ingenuity, striving for excellence and doing what is right for our customers and the communities where we live and work. Both *George III* and *Janet Marie* provide our customers with best-in-class vessels, while setting the standard for environmental stewardship when it comes to ship design and construction. Today is a very proud moment for the entire Pasha team and our family."

Chris Connor, president and CEO of the American Association of Port Authorities and board member of The Pasha Group served as emcee for the christening ceremony. Connor was joined by guest speakers Danny Wan, executive director of the Port of Oakland; Oakland Deputy Mayor Kimberly Mayfield; Heindel; and Pasha IV. Pastor Michael Ryan and Sister Judy Ryan, of St. James Cathedral in Seattle and siblings to the late Janet Marie Ryan Pasha, conducted a Catholic blessing, followed by a traditional Hawaiian blessing by Kahu (Pastor) Kordell Kekoa of Honolulu. George Pasha IV's sister, Mary Jane Pasha, served as the ship's sponsor, overseeing the breaking of the champagne bottle.



Above: SIU President David Heindel expresses confidence in the union members sailing aboard the new ship.

Below: Celebrating the ship's first arrival in Honolulu Harbor are Pasha family members, Seafarers and SIU officials. Pictured from left are Savannah Pasha, George Pasha IV, Elyse Pasha, AB Eric Bell, AB Harold Harper, Pasha VP Ed Washburn, SIU Port Agent Hazel Galbiso, SIU VP Nick Marrone and SIU Safety Director Amber Akana.



Port Event Highlights Threat To Food for Peace Program



SIU members and officials are pictured after the ceremony. SIU VP West Coast Nick Marrone is sixth from left, while SIU Asst. VP Joe Vincenzo is at far right.



SIU VP West Coast Nick Marrone (right) and Bosun Shatina Wright confer aboard the vessel.

At the Washington Port of Longview, American farmers, port workers, millers, mariners, and state and federal policymakers stood together Aug. 15 to commemorate the significant humanitarian shipment of 28,000 metric tons of American-grown wheat on the SIU-crewed *Liberty Glory* (Liberty Maritime) as part of the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Food for Peace program. The shipment comes as Food for Peace is under intense pressure from lawmakers working to eliminate shipments of food produced by American farmers aimed at alleviating the worst hunger emergencies around the world.

SIU Vice President West Coast Nick Marrone and SIU Assistant Vice President Joe Vincenzo attended the event, as did rank-and-file Seafarers.

American-grown food has been the cornerstone of America's foreign aid policy since Food for Peace was launched in the 1950s with crops like corn, sorghum, rice and wheat. The shipments represent an "unbroken chain of humanity" that stretches from America's fertile fields to families facing an unprecedented crisis. During the last three years, the United States has donated more than one million tons of American-grown wheat per year through Food for Peace. Much of that wheat has gone to support hunger hotspots in the Middle East and East Africa, where food insecurity still persists.

"Food for Peace is one of the most successful humanitarian programs because of the enduring commitment of America's farmers, millers, port workers, longshoremen and merchant mariners to feeding the world," said William P. Campbell, vice president of operations, Liberty Maritime Corporation. "However, there are some out there who want to eliminate the contribution of America's farmers and mariners to Food for Peace or end the program entirely. World hunger is at its peak as conflict persists and the traditional breadbasket of Ukraine is disrupted. Against this backdrop, America must stand up and fight hunger and once again be the shining beacon of hope for those around the world. Food for peace is that hope."

"America's farmers feed the world and this shipment will feed one million people facing starvation for an entire year; focusing on families who need it most," said Washington Grain Commissioner Gary Bailey, a wheat grower in Whitman County. "Washington's wheat farmers are proud to have connected America's home-grown food to hungry families half a world away for 70 years and counting."

In remarks prepared for the ceremony, Marrone stated, "The Seafarers International Union proudly supports cargo preference and we strongly believe that the laws should be strengthened for the betterment of America's national, economic and homeland security."

According to the latest data from the World Bank, across the Middle East and North Africa, one in five people are severely food insecure, including eight million children.

Through Food for Peace, American farmers, millers, port workers, longshoremen and mariners sailing under the U.S. flag have played a critical role in the program to fight global food insecurity.

In conjunction with the Longview event, Congressional representatives and other stakeholders offered their support for Food for Peace's mission:

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Washington) - "Eastern Washington's agricultural community has a rich history of feeding the world, especially those in need. Thanks to the Columbia-Snake River system, our wheat farmers are able to send their products to hungry nations around the world, preserving their hard-earned legacy and ensuring America continues to shine as a beacon of hope. Thank you to our farmers, industry stakeholders, and maritime partners who helped make this tremendous humanitarian effort possible."

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (D-Washington) - "The United States must continue to provide robust international aid to meet the scale of need in the fight against hunger. I am inspired by the partnership of the maritime labor, carriers, and agriculture sectors in Washington and across the country to make this momentous contribution to global food security."

Congressman Adam Smith (D-Washington) - "I commend partners throughout Washington State for their continued commitment to USAID's Food for Peace Program. Food for Peace plays an integral role in alleviating hunger throughout the world while also strengthening the United States' diplomatic efforts. Thank you to the many partners, including Washington State agricultural producers and union workers, who make these efforts

possible.

Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland (D-Washington) - "Washington State has long been a leader in agricultural production and has put us in a position to create positive change. With eight billion dollars in agricultural exports last year and partnerships between public, private, trade groups, and labor, our state is well positioned to extend beyond our geographic boundaries and touch the lives of individuals and families facing hunger emergencies."

Jane Shey, Senior Policy Consultant, World Food Program USA – "Food security is national security. We must increase our collective efforts to access the funding and commodities needed to meet the challenge of a food-insecure world. Committed leadership on the part of the United States, from Capitol Hill to the docks where we stand today, is essential to securing a peaceful and prosperous future."

Dan McKisson, President, Washington Area District Council of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union – "American-grown commodities, like the soft, white wheat loaded on the U.S.-flagged vessel *Liberty Glory* here today, have saved lives all over the world. This is a tangible symbol of our nation's generosity, loading these cargos and sending them to those in need overseas, also provides much-needed living wage jobs for our union members and for their families."

Randy Suess, on behalf of the Washington Grain Commission and Washington Association of Wheat Growers – "Food aid not only benefits everyone around the world and American farmers, but it also involves everybody in the supply chain: the truckers, the warehousemen, the shippers and the longshoremen.... Right now, one U.S. farmer feeds 166 others across the country and around the world. I am proud to be part of this program, working to achieve long-lasting and sustainable food security for the world."

The SIU crew of the *Liberty Glory* included Bosun Shatina Wright, ABs Qaid Alnaawi, Guillermo Legra and Samuel Vera Davis, STOSs Jose Oliva Umanzor and Venancio Bonifacio Suazo, OS Sincere Williams, GUDEs Lacorie Ray, Nabil Said and Virgil Tudorache, Steward/Baker Isabel Sabio, Chief Cook Eliezer Estremera and SA Yawoub Shack.



The Seafarers-crewed vessel prepares for its voyage to the Middle East. (All photos courtesy American Maritime Congress)



Washington State Department of Agriculture Director Derek Sandison addresses the attendees.

Merchant Marine Delivers Relief Cargoes in Hawaii

At press time for this edition of the *LOG* (mid-August), Seafarers and SIU-contracted vessel operators were involved in the relief efforts in Hawaii, following the wildfires that devasted parts of the state.

Additionally, the union is accepting voluntary donations via the Seafarers Disaster Aid Fund. More information about the fund is available on the SIU website (prominently linked on the home page).

No SIU members are known to have been injured or to have lost their homes as a result of the fires.

Seafarers-contracted Pasha Hawaii reported that its supply chain routes were fully operational as support efforts for Maui wildfire relief continue. The company has enacted its emergency response plan "which includes prioritizing emergency rations, foodstuffs and medical supplies via available barge capacity to Maui and its direct vessel roll-on/roll-off service," Pasha said in a news release.

Additionally, Seafarers-contracted Matson reported that it had begun transporting emergency response equipment and supplies to Maui for the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Hawaii Food Industry Association (HFIA).

Also in mid-August, the American Maritime Partnership, to which the SIU is affiliated, issued a "situation report" noting that state, local and federal authorities in Hawaii continue to respond to the needs of residents and the devastating impacts of several large wildfires, which had taken more the 100 lives and destroyed more than 2,200 homes and businesses.

In what has been described as the deadliest wildfire incident in the U.S. in more than 100 years, the fires were exacerbated by extremely dry conditions and strong winds generated by the passage of Hurricane Dora.

According to AMP, as of Aug. 14, all 10 ports within Hawaii's Commercial Harbor System, including Kahului Harbor Piers 1, 2 and 3 on the island of Maui, remained operational. The coalition also noted the following, in addition to reporting about the respective efforts of Pasha and Matson:

- Fuel availability, the movement of cargo and the flow of humanitarian assistance have not been restricted by the impacts of the wildfires.

- Cargoes from the mainland U.S. to Maui are generally routed through Honolulu and transshipped to Kahului, Maui (the main harbor), but there is there is also direct U.S. barge service and roll-on/roll-off vessel service from the mainland to Kahului.

- The American maritime industry is coordinating with county, state, federal, and emergency departments to prioritize and move cargo, and ensure safe and expedient delivery of disaster aid.

- U.S.-flagged barges are arriving at Kahului Harbor in Maui to provide relief

- A barge with 20 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) containers arrived on Thursday, August 10, carrying pallets of bottled water and ready-to-eat meals

- Another barge arrived on Saturday, August 12, carrying 191 containers with generators, emergency supplies, and other equipment to assist the community response efforts.

- The Hawaii Department of Transpor-

Meeting with Labor Secretary



SIU President David Heindel (right) and MM&P President Don Marcus (left) are pictured with Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su at AFL-CIO headquarters earlier this year. They discussed her solid support for workers' rights, including the right to choose union representation.

tation (HDOT) has waived all wharfage charges for cargoes inbound to Kahului Harbor through September 10, 2023 to support humanitarian relief in Maui.

- HDOT will waive demurrage and storage fees and port entry and dockage for vessels displaced from small boat harbors on Maui, and have determined that the declared state of emergency is good cause for

extensions of free time.

- The National Guard has activated 134 troops, including 99 Army National Guard personnel and 35 Air National Guard personnel, to assist in the ongoing local and federal wildfire response efforts.

- FEMA announced it had deployed more than 150 personnel, including search and rescue teams.

LCLAA Elects SIU AVP Crespo As Puerto Rico Chapter President

SIU Assistant Vice President Amancio Crespo recently earned an additional title.

In August, Crespo was elected president of the Puerto Rico Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) during the organization's twentyfourth convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Also elected as LCLAA officials were Vice President John Navas (Asociación de Maestros de Puerto Rico, or AMPR), Secretary-Treasurer Jose Ramirez (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees or AFSCME), Log Secretary Nadrischka Martinez (Secretary, AMPR), Board member Nelly Ayala (President, AMPR), Board Member Maria Ortiz (Teacher and Tech Support, AMPR), and Board Member Hector Reyes (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, or IBEW). All members of the LCLAA-PR Chapter are also members of the executive Board of the Puerto Rico Workers Federation (Federación de Trabajadores de Puerto Rico, or

During the convention, the new chapter electees adopted policy priorities and resolutions meant to ensure dignity for working families. They resolved to prioritize workplace initiatives for long-term economic stability, foster strength and success for LGBTQ workers and help build a bright future for the middle class. The resolutions also emphasize building power with immigrant workers, empowering women in the trades, ensuring quality beginnings to education, and advocating for workers' rights in a global economy. The LCLAA plans to work toward instating workplace initiatives for longterm economic stability, advocating for affordable and accessible health care for all, and fighting for equal rights on the job and humanitarian protections for those in harm's way, the organization reported.

The convention's theme, "Together Towards Tomorrow: Trabajadores para un Futuro Justo," focused on improving the quality of life of all Latin Americans in the U.S. and enriching the benefits necessary to achieve happiness, good living, and the peace to which all Americans are entitled according to our Constitution and Civil Rights. It commenced with a chapter president's meeting, during which Crespo and the other new chapter mem-



LCLAA friends and guests pose for a picture during the convention.

bers from Milwaukee, Greater Boston, Puerto Rico, and South Central Arizona were welcomed. Stephanie Sepulveda offered insights on citizenship clinics, while Lucia Gomez led a workshop on voter education and partnering with other organizations for effective voting efforts. With inspiring speeches and discussions by esteemed speakers including AFLCIO Secretary-Treasurer Fred Redmond and American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten, the session set the stage for a dynamic and transformative convention experience, according to attendees.

During the plenary session, Redmond and Weingarten effusively exalted the Jones Act in their respective speeches. They referenced Crespo's effective work promoting the law, and they emphasized how necessary and vital that statute is for Puerto Rico's economy. Speakers also mentioned what this means for U.S. national security, especially in cases of national emergency like the major, devastating hurricanes and earthquakes that have hit Puerto Rico in the past five years. Both Redmond and Weingarten were received and dismissed with standing ovations.





SIU Asst. VP Amancio Crespo (left in both photos) meets with (above, left) AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Fred Redmond and with American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten (remaining photo).



The latest class of recertified stewards, from left to right: Ingra Maddox, Natalie Delgado, Annie T. Nodd, Erwin Renon, Jermaine Robinson, J.D. Reyes, Bernard Butts and Dennison Dizon.

The newest class of recertified stewards graduated in August, and the group had plenty of good things to say about the experience.

SIU members completing the top-level course at the union-affiliated Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education (PHC) were: Bernard Butts, Natalie Delgado, Dennison Dizon, Ingra Maddox, Annie T. Nodd, Erwin Renon, J.D. Reyes and Jermaine Robinson. They formally completed the class during the August membership meeting in Piney Point, Maryland.

During their training, the stewards were instructed and tested on a variety of subjects, including leadership, baking ability, computer skills, social responsibilities, Coast Guard updates, and other department-specific workshops on healthy eating, safe work areas and more. During the two-week course, each member also gained new and additional insight into the functions of the various departments of the SIU as well as the Seafarers Plans, collective bargaining agreements, and the union's affiliations with both the Maritime Trades Department and its parent organization, the AFL-CIO.

As part of the graduation ceremony, each steward spoke to the assembled crowd of SIU officials, members and guests before receiving their certificates of completion. In each speech, the new recertified stewards described their experiences with the course, their careers as mariners and their time spent at the PHC. Without exception, each member of the class praised the curriculum, the staff and faculty of the school and the importance of upgrading and furthering their careers.

Following are highlights of the respective graduation speeches.

Bernard Butts

Unable to attend the graduation ceremony in person, Butts nevertheless thanked the union's executive board, staff and faculty for their assistance and instruction throughout the course. The Norfolk, Virginia-based mariner wrote, "I would like to thank the president, vice presidents, officials, patrolmen, chefs, instructors, my fellow recertified stewards and all the stewards that came before me that imparted wisdom, knowledge and guidance to help me reach this point in my career."

He continued, "It is an honor to stand before you as a new recertified steward.

I began my career as a mariner in 2001, after 12 years in the Navy. I embarked on my first ship, the *USNS Bold*, beginning what has become a prosperous and fulfilling career path in the SIU.

"Since I joined the union, my life has excelled in many different ways. I have been able to provide the life for my family that I had always dreamed of. I have been able to see many different parts of the world that some only dream or imagine. I have been able to teach and mentor many along the way, sharing work knowledge, life lessons and insight into this great entity we call the SIU."

He concluded by offering advice to the apprentices and upgraders: "Continue to strive to become greater. Never limit yourself. Always press to take your career to the next level. Keep your head down, mouth closed and ears open. There is an opportunity in the SIU that you can't find in a lot of places, called upgrading! Take full advantage of this opportunity, and don't get stagnant or complacent in your current position."

Ingra Maddox

Shipping from the Port of Tacoma, Washington, Maddox spoke about her career, as well as her family connection to the SIU. After thanking the officials seated on the dais, she reflected on her experiences in the program.

"First, I'd like to say how honored I am to be here with my fellow recertified stewards, and humbly thank all of our great instructors, including Natalie (Delgado, who previously taught at the PHC during her shore time), for all they've done over the years to help me get to where I am today. I never could have imagined I'd be here.

"My family has been a part of the SIU for 45 years," Maddox continued. "I've been sailing for 20. Being a mariner has enriched my life in so many ways, but most importantly, by giving me the financial freedom to help in providing for my family. The long vacations don't hurt, either."

To the apprentices, she said, "Please don't waste the opportunity you've been given. Apply yourself, learn all you can and take full advantage of all our school has to offer. The school is here to help us all. When you get out on the ships, listen, learn and ask questions. The only stupid questions are ones not asked. Remember that we all had to start at the bottom.

Never let anyone tell you that you are not good enough, or that you can't do it. Prove them wrong, like I did."

She concluded, "I thank the SIU, and will always stand behind my union, as it has done for me."

Jermaine Robinson

Next to speak was Robinson, who sails out of the Port of New Orleans. He detailed his career, starting with his first job in the industry.

"I've been sailing with the SIU now for 26 years and five months. I took my first job on February 27, 1997, with the Delta Queen Steamboat Company. From there, my journey continued as I moved on to bigger deep sea vessels, where in 2004 I got a job aboard the *USNS Altair...*. Aboard that ship I was able to go completely around the world, where I got my chance to cross the Equator."

He thanked the union officials and the staff at the PHC, as well as talked about

his family: "The SIU has been financially good to my family and me over the years. My wife and I have four kids and two grandkids, and my baby boy is about to graduate high school." He then thanked the union for helping enable him to send all of his children to college.

He also mentioned some of the skills he learned during the course, before turning to address the apprentices in the auditorium, saying, "Come aboard, work hard, listen to your supervisors, work alongside your fellow shipmates, learn as much as you can, don't be afraid to ask questions and always remember to never stop there. Always come back and upgrade, upgrade, upgrade."

J.D. Reyes

Sailing out of Tacoma, Reyes is another legacy mariner in this class, who followed his mother's path to a career at sea: "I became a mariner in the year 2000, in New York, because my family's history in the U.S. also began in New York. My mother was a sailor for more than 25 years, with the National Maritime Union," he recalled.

Reyes continued, "The most important part of being a mariner is to love what you are doing. If I wasn't proud to be here, I wouldn't still be sailing." He then spoke about the importance of supporting the Seafarers Political Activities Donation (SPAD), the union's voluntary political action fund.

Finally, he offered the following advice to future mariners: "At sea, there is no such thing as half-[hearted]. That comes back to bite you, and gets you hurt. We want to send you back to your loved ones in one piece."

Dennison Dizon

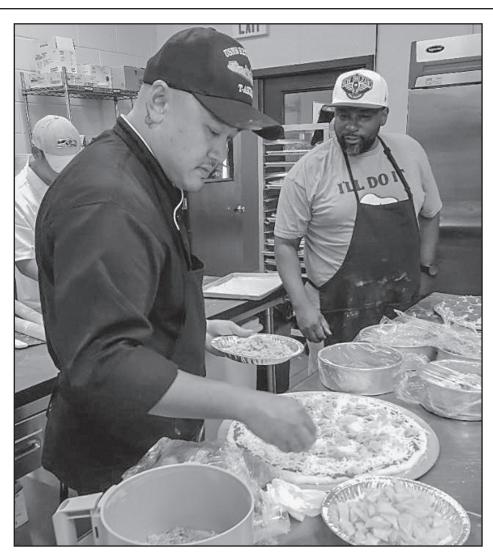
Dizon, hailing from the Port of Wilmington, California, was next to address the crowd, saying, "I am honored to be at this level in my career. It's a dream come true to be a recertified steward. I became a merchant mariner because of my father, Bosun **Dante Dizon**. I joined the SIU and started sailing in 2009, and now I'm the permanent steward of the *USNS Red Cloud*.

"The SIU provides a quality lifestyle, and I am evidence of that," he continued,

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Recertified Steward Annie T. Nodd





you all for hosting this year's steward recertification class."



Renon began with the most important recognition, saying, "It is my distinct honor to be here, but, first and foremost I would like to thank my wife, who has stood with me all these years. I thank her, God, and my four beautiful daughters for helping me to be here today."

He quipped, "I have been a mariner for 23 years, longer than most of you have been alive." He then spoke about his history with the union, saying, "I fell in love with my new career, and met so many wonderful people along the way. The union has become an important part of my family's life. Without the support of the union, I would not have been able to provide for my family as well as I can, and I am forever grateful to the SIU for that."

He took a moment to thank the staff of his home port, Tacoma, before speaking to the trainees: "All of us can agree that the road ahead is not going to be easy, but do try to do your best and take every opportunity that you are given. Your time here will teach you many skills, and connect you to many people. Payday is coming for you."

He concluded by urging his fellow mariners to contribute to SPAD, and by thanking the staff and instructors at the

Natalie Delgado

Last to speak, Delgado ships out of Wilmington, and has a long history with the union. Beyond her sailing career of more than 20 years, she also worked parttime at the PHC as an instructor for many years.

"Prior to joining the union, I found myself struggling to stay above water financially," she began. "I was working two full-time jobs.... Shortly after AHC went out of business, I got a call from a Navy captain, saying I came highly recommended. For the last 17 years, I've been loyal to the *USNS Loyal* as the permanent chief steward."

She added, "I consider myself truly blessed to have had the privilege of working with the chefs here at Piney Point: John Hetmanski, John Dobson, Paulie Gelrud, R.J. Johnson, and my mentor who took me under his wing, Ed White, God bless his soul. Gentlemen, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you."

Delgado stated, "Thank you to my husband, Edwin, for holding down the hatches while I was at sea." She then urged those in attendance to support SPAD, as well as backing politicians who support the Jones Act, and getting out to the polls to vote.

She concluded, "To the trainees, don't be the one who years from now says, 'shoulda, woulda, coulda' or wonder where you would be in life if you had just committed to this industry. Joining the SIU and becoming a mariner changed my life."



Recertified Steward J.D. Reyes

Annie T. Nodd

After thanking the officials, Nodd talked about her history with the SIU. She hails from Mobile, Alabama.

"The SIU has helped me a lot, especially

when it comes to supporting my family.

It gives us a high standard of living, and

saying, "Take advantage of the opportu-

nity that you have right now, study hard

while you're here and learn as much as

you can. Remember, 'Talent wins games,

but teamwork and hard work wins cham-

settle for less than what you deserve, and

you can't be afraid to fail, because that's

He also credited the union officials

and staff of the PHC, before thanking his

wife, who was in attendance: "She is the

reason why I am here. She motivated me

every single day. She's my inspiration. I

the only way to succeed."

love you, and this is for you!"

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He then offered advice to the trainees,

financial security through our future."

"I started as a trainee in the apprentice program – Class 563 – and that gave me the right amount of discipline that I needed, and the skills that I still use today," she said. "I'm so grateful to God for guiding me in this direction. Without God's guidance, I don't know where I would be.

"The SIU has given me a sense of stability and security," she continued. "It has allowed me to travel the world and to continue to work and support my family, even when everything had shut down (during the COVID-19 pandemic). I am so grateful for that."

She also mentioned the importance of assisting young mariners, saying, "I had some great mentors, some old-timers who took me under their wing and taught me all they knew. To the trainees, I was once sitting where you all are now. The training and knowledge you all will learn here will take you throughout your career, if you apply it. Listen to your instructors and work hard. This school is not set up to fail you. If you fail, that's on you."

She concluded by thanking the staff and instructors, saying, "Everyone here has always made me feel at home and safe. I grew up under you all, and I thank



Pictured above, from left to right: Jermaine Robinson, VP Atlantic Coast Joseph Soresi, Dennison Dizon, J.D. Reyes, Erwin Renon, VP Contracts George Tricker, Natalie Delgado, Executive VP Augustin Tellez, VP Gulf Coast Dean Corgey, Annie T. Nodd, Ingra Maddox, VP Great Lakes Bryan Powell, President David Heindel, Secretary-Treasurer Tom Orzechowski, AVP Pat Vandegrift, Port Agent Jose Argueta and VP Nicholas Celona.



ABOARD USNS ALGOL – Pictured aboard the Ocean Duchess-operated vessel following a safety meeting are Capt. Raymond Davis, Recertified Bosun Ritche Acuman, GUDE Rodolfo Ludovice, Electrician Salah Saleh and GUDE Ruel Decrepito.



ABOARD ATB MILLVILLE – Pictured aboard the Keystone vessel following a union meeting are Recertified Bosun Billy Yurick, AB/Tankerman Jimmy Hargrove, Capt. Michael O'Connell, SIU Houston Patrolman J.B. Niday, SIU Houston Patrolman Kirk Pegan and Second Mate Connor Shea.



SHIPYARD SNAPSHOT – Many thanks to Recertified Bosun Adel Ahmed for this photo from the *Alaskan Navigator's* recent shipyard period in South Korea. Pictured from left (standing) near the Alaska Tanker Co. vessel are QMED Ronilo Monares, AB Romeo Escalera, DEU Taher Ahmed, Bosun Ahmed, Recertified Steward Albert Sison, QMED Aljohn Fernandez, Chief Cook Nasr Almusab, AB Micheal Adote, AB Francisco Anacta, AB Zaid Said, SA Ammr Ali, AB Walid Nasser and AB Bonifacio Fortes. In front is DEU Paul Koomson.



ENCOURAGING PROSPECTIVE APPRENTICES – SIU Asst. VP Amancio Crespo (second from left) assists candidates at the San Juan hall who are applying for the apprentice program based at the union-affiliated Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, located in Piney Point, Maryland. Behind the lens is Seafarer Jose Encarnacion.

At Sea and Ashore with the SIU



PROMOTING MARITIME CAREERS – SIU personnel (from left) Port Agent Hazel Galbiso, VP West Coast Nick Marrone and Junior Engineer Luke Failauga spread the word at a job and wellness fair in Honolulu.



TALKIN' RECRUITING IN CRESCENT CITY – SIU New Orleans Port Agent Chris Westbrook (left) meets with Louisiana Workforce Commission Apprenticeship Division Director Stephen Peychaud at the hiring hall, where they discussed ongoing recruiting collaboration.



A-BOOKS IN JERSEY CITY – Picking up their respective A-seniority books at the hiring hall are QEE Jing Hui Huang (left in photo above, right) and Chief Cook Leonardo Bagnol (left in remaining photo). They're pictured with SIU Port Agent Ray Henderson.



BOOKS GALORE IN JACKSONVILLE – These photos were taken during the August membership meeting at the hall. From left in photo above, both receipting Reports are STOS Antique Clark and SA Shantravicia Stripling

the August membership meeting at the hall. From left in photo above, both receiving B-books, are STOS Antione Clark and SA Shantracycia Stripling (and SIU Port Agent Ashley Nelson). From left in the photo at left: Chief Cook Brittany Williams (B seniority), Steward/Baker Jeffery Toliver (A seniority) and Chief Cook Armon Bailey (A seniority).



WELCOME ASHORE IN JACKSONVILLE – SA Budiman Chandra (left) receives his first pension check following a 20-year career with the SIU. He's pictured at the hiring hall with SIU Port Agent Ashley Nelson.



ABOARD G&H TOWING TUG – SIU Patrolman Kirk Pegan (left) greets Seafarer Clay Casteel aboard the *Atlas*.



SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS – SIU VP Government Services Nicholas Celona recently attended a change-of-command ceremony on the West Coast. He's at right, with Brigadier General Douglas K. Clark, Commanding General, 4th Marine Division.



FULL BOOK IN HOUSTON – AB Jose Ortiz (left) picks up his B-book at the hiring hall. He's pictured with SIU Patrolman Kelly Krick.



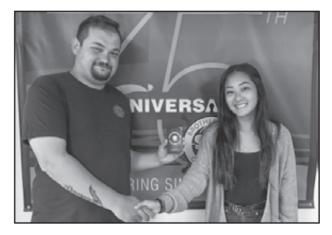
ABOARD PACIFIC TRACKER – During a recent voyage on the TOTE-operated vessel, Seafarers (from left) MDR Brandon Maeda, Chief Steward Julito Crodua and Chief Cook Michael Gramer noted that they all started sailing in the 1980s, with American Hawaii Cruises. "It was really great seeing each other again and sailing on the same ship," Maeda wrote.



At Sea and Ashore with the SIU



ABOARD NATIONAL GLORY – These photos from the Intrepid Personnel and Provisioning ship, taken while the vessel was headed to Puerto Rico, include Chief Cook Esperanza Crespo (left in both snapshots), Chief Steward Melissa McCartney (right in photo at right) and Electrician Joe Flotta (right in remaining photo).



MILESTONE IN ALOHA STATE – QE4 Sean Carter (left) receives his A-book. He's pictured at the Honolulu hall with SIU Administrative Assistant Caitlyn Wharton.



BOSUN CREDITS ABs – Many thanks to Recertified Bosun Lee Hardman for this snapshot of SJ Joe Horton, AB Paul Jimenez and AB Levi Gorokhovsky aboard the *Global Sentinel* (SubCom). Photo was taken during a recent trip from the West Coast to the UK. Hardman said it "was a long trip but time to catch up on some maintenance. They knocked it out of the park chipping the lifeboat davits." All are graduates of the apprentice program who recently secured their respective AB tickets.



BACKING PRO-WORKER CANDIDATE – SIU Houston Safety Director Kevin Sykes (left) greets John Whitmire, the labor-backed candidate for Houston mayor, during a gathering in support of the campaign.



WORTH CELEBRATING – SIU Port Agent Todd Brdak (left) attended a workers' rights event earlier this year in Lansing, Michigan, featuring Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (right). The gathering celebrated Whitmer's signing of legislation repealing the state's so-called right-to-work (for less) law.



From left to right: Maersk Line, Limited Vice President Ed Hanley, SIU VP Contracts George Tricker and SIU EVP Augustin Tellez show off a new addition to the (model) fleet.



From left to right: SIU VP Atlantic Coast Joseph Soresi, Asst. Vice President Pat Vandegrift and Secretary-Treasurer Tom Orezchowski stand ready to assist the members.

Welcome to Your New Home, Norfolk

The location and exterior bricks are quite familiar, but the rest of the hiring hall in Norfolk, Virginia, is essentially brand new, following a successful, months-long renovation.

SIU members, retirees, family members and guests joined union officials July 25 for a ceremonial reopening of the facility, located at 115 Third Street. The union has operated from that spot since 1963, though it maintained temporary offices in nearby Chesapeake, Virginia, since late summer 2022, due to the refurbishment.

As with any renovation of such extensive scope, this one included some figurative speed bumps, but the finished product elicited nothing but praise.

Bosun **Darrol Bates** stated, "No joke, this looks really nice. It's gorgeous, and I really like the desk area."

"It's up to the times for the new generation coming in," said Chief Steward **Reynard Gibbs**. "I think it'll definitely bring a positive energy. The map of southeast Hampton Roads (behind the counter) is cool and the Wi-Fi works. I just logged in."

GUDE **Blake Thrasher** said, "Everything looks a whole lot better. It's clean and more modern. The front desk is more organized and the hall has better spacing."

Retired Recertified Bosun **Aubrey Davis** noted, "The improvements make you feel good. I think it's absolutely wonderful and beautiful."

The ceremony, which was followed by a catered luncheon, included remarks from (in chronological order) SIU Secretary-Treasurer Tom Orzechowski, SIU Norfolk Port Agent Mario Torrey, SIU Assistant Vice President Pat Vandegrift (who oversaw the renovation), Seafarers Trustee Tony Naccarato, Virginia Delegate Jeion Ward, and SIU President David Heindel. Attendees then gathered outside the building, where retired SIU Vice President Kermett Mangram, long a mainstay in Norfolk,

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SIU President David Heindel (right) poses for a photo with Virginia AFL-CIO President Doris Crouse-Mays.

cut the ceremonial ribbon following a blessing from local Pastor O.L. Cromwell.

Moments before the program started, Seafarers-contracted Maersk Line, Limited (which is headquartered in Norfolk) presented a new, glass-encased model of the *Maersk Peary*, unveiled by company Vice President Ed Hanley.

Heindel commended Vandegrift's work in overseeing the renovation, which included completely replacing most or all of the plumbing and drainage systems, electrical components, flooring and ceilings, windows, offices, counter and more.

"The building started to show its age," Heindel said. "We invested in our membership to make sure you had a comfortable place. It was time.

"Pat did an excellent job," he continued. "He dedicated more than a year to get this project to conclusions. It wasn't easy, but Pat has the tenacity to keep things on track and he did a hell of a job."

Heindel said the refurbished hall "symbolizes improvements in the present and the hope for the future. This location is excellent, and now this facility itself is state of the art and will serve our membership well into the future. It's a place where our members and their families can feel safe and proud to come and take care of their business."

He concluded by telling the crowd that plans are being made to improve a few more of the hiring halls in the near future.

Naccarato, who has worked in the maritime industry for 58 years, said the hall is "a beautiful building – a building that will not only serve to provide good jobs to members, but a building that will be a testament to the excellent and valuable labor-management relationships that owners and operators enjoy with the SIU. Buildings of this quality do not happen without vision and determination."

He also thanked the rank-and-file members "for your service and for your willingness to sacrifice time away from family and friends. You serve a very vital role. Being a seafarer is not an easy life. Please rest assured that you are truly appreciated not only for providing a decent living standard for yourself and for your families, but also for your valuable contribution to our shipping companies

and to the defense and security of our country. Your participation and support absolutely are indispensable, now more than ever in a very dangerous and uncertain world."

In addition to her position as a state delegate, Ward is president of an American Federation of Teachers local and serves on the Virginia AFL-CIO Executive Council, where she spearheads the labor movement's support in the general assembly.

She complimented the new-look hall and also said, "If you tell me labor wants it, I'm going to fight for it.... When labor speaks, I listen."

Orzechowski opened the festivities and stated, "We couldn't be more pleased with the product and we really believe that this building is going to serve the SIU membership well in the next several decades."

He also thanked Vandegrift, as did Torrey. The port agent added, "I can truly say it's good to be back home. We've got the best of all worlds. We have the same great location, a beautiful building, and decades of history. No one knows more about these upgrades than Pat Vandegrift, who's been in charge of this operation since day one. He's worked tirelessly."

Vandegrift mentioned that he already was familiar with the area, partly because of family, partly because of his time in the Navy.

The hall "stood the test of time, but it needed an upgrade," he said. "It needed a yard period. We got a great product in the end, and I'm honored to serve all of you."

One of the guests, American Maritime Officers Secretary-Treasurer Bob Rice – who sailed with the SIU for a dozen years – hit the deck and recalled getting his start at the Norfolk hall.

"Spring of 1990, I walked through that very door right there," he said.

Rice added that when he subsequently went to the union-affiliated school in Piney Point, Maryland, "I learned some of the best life lessons that I've ever learned. Hard work wins. You get out of life what you put into it. No matter how good you are, or how hard you work, bad things are going to happen to you. How you address those things largely will determine your character.... I just wanted to say how grateful I am to the SIU. It's made me the man I am today."



A round of applause for the successful completion of the renovation project.

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Members, retirees and guests pose for a photo before the festivities.

Port Agent Mario Torrey



Bosun Mark Brownell (left) and AB Bartow Bridges enjoy the new hall.



Attendees partake of the provided luncheon after the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



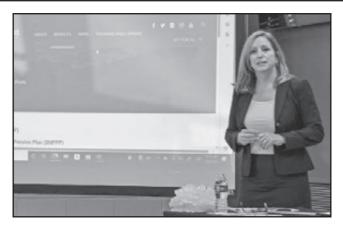
Virginia Delegate Jeion Ward speaks to a crowd which included many of her constituents.



Seafarers Trustee Tony Naccarato



American Maritime Officers Secretary-Treasurer Bob Rice talks about his Norfolk Hall memories.



Seafarers Plans Administrator Maggie Bowen (above) conducts a benefits conference in Norfolk, Virginia.

Benefits Conferences Continue

Representatives from the SIU and the Seafarers Plans are conducting a series of benefits conferences at various hiring halls (the first took place in July). Seafarers, retirees and their families are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the gatherings. Most of the conferences will take place the same days as the respective membership meetings for the given months.

Designed to educate rank-and-file members as well as union employees, the conferences focus on various Seafarers Plans. Conference goals include making enrollees aware of benefits available to them under each plan. Special emphasis is placed on points that plan participants may not know about.

There may be an exception or two, but each staff conference takes place ahead of the membership meeting, and is followed by a separate conference for members, dependents and retirees immediately after the membership meeting.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

Port	Conference Date
San Juan	Thursday, September 7
Piney Point	Monday, October 2
Jacksonville	Thursday, October 5
Houston	Monday, November 13
New Orleans	Tuesday, November 14
Mobile	Wednesday, November 15
Jersey City	Thursday, November 30
Ft. Lauderdale	Monday, February 19, 2024
Algonac	Friday, March 8, 2024

September & October Membership Meetings

Piney Point	*Tuesday: September 5, Monday: October 2			
Algonac	Friday: September 8, October 6			
Baltimore	Thursday: September 7, October 5			
Guam	Thursday: September 21, October 19			
Honolulu	Friday: September 15, October 13			
Houston	Monday: September 11, **Tuesday: October 10			
Jacksonville	Thursday: September 7, October 5			
Joliet	Thursday: September 14, October 12			
Mobile	Wednesday: September 13, October 11			
New Orleans	Tuesday: September 12, October 10			
Jersey City	Tuesday: September 5, October 3			
Norfolk	Friday: September 8, October 6			
Oakland	Thursday: September 14, October 12			
Philadelphia	Wednesday: September 6, October 4			
Port Everglad	des Thursday: September 14, October 12			
San Juan	Thursday: September 7, October 5			
St. Louis	Friday: September 15, October 13			
Tacoma	Friday: September 22, October 20			
Wilmington	Monday: September 18, October 16			
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^{*}Piney Point change due to Labor Day Observance

Each port's meeting starts at 10:30 a.m

Dispatchers' Report for Deep Sea

"Total Registered" and "Total Shipped" data is cumulative from July 16 - August 15, 2023. "Registered on the Beach" data is as of August 16, 2023.

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^{**}Houston change due to Columbus Day Observance

Digest of Shipboard Union Meetings

The Seafarers LOG attempts to print as many digests of union shipboard minutes as possible. On occasion, because of space limitations, some will be omitted.

Ships' minutes first are reviewed by the union's contract department. Those issues requiring attention or resolution are addressed by the union upon receipt of the ships' minutes. The minutes are then forwarded to the Seafarers LOG for publication.

MAERSK KINLOSS (Maersk Line, Limited), May 27 – Chairman Rufino Giray, Secretary Caezar Mercado, **Educational Director Casey** Frederick, Deck Delegate Christopher Justo, Engine Delegate Anatoli Vetsinov. Crew reviewed ship's fund. Educational director advised members to upgrade at the Paul Hall Center. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew requested unlimited Wi-Fi access and a stronger connection via an additional router. Members would like medical exams to be required annually rather than every six months. Crew requested a chair for the gangway bridge, gym equipment, 30 for 30 vacation and wage increases. Next port: Charleston, South Carolina.

SEABULK PRIDE (Eco Tankers Crew Management), May 30 – Chairman Brian Gauntt, Secretary Moses Scott. Contract posted in crew lounge. Starlink internet has been installed, but minor issues and bugs are still being worked on. Chairman and secretary gave positive reports. Educational director recommended members upgrade at the Piney Point school and stay up to date on credentials. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew requested increases to medical and pension benefits. Members discussed rotary position procedures and commended the steward department for a job well done. Next port: Long Beach, California.

JEAN ANNE (PASHA), June 4 – Chairman Frank Hedge, Secretary Samuel Sinclair, Educational Director Richard Huffman, Deck Delegate Robert Knowlton, Engine Delegate Julius Bollozos, Steward Delegate Brandy Clemons. Chairman thanked crew for working safely and keeping ship clean. He encouraged members to keep vaccination records up to date and to leave clean rooms for oncoming reliefs. Secretary thanked crew for separating garbage and advised them to donate to SPAD, the union's voluntary political action fund. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew expressed their appreciation for improvements to medical benefits. Members asked for annual physicals and commended steward department for providing good meals. Crew requested 30 for 30 vacation, increases to monthly pension payments, and expanded dental and optical coverage. Members discussed chiropractic care. Next port: Honolulu, Hawaii.

KEYSTONE STATE (Pacific-Gulf Marine), June 11 – Chairman Gheorghe Savencu, Educational Director Milan Dzurek. Chairman reminded crew to work diligently to prevent oil spills and commended their work on the deck plugs. Educational director suggested members upgrade at the Paul Hall Center to secure a lifetime of valuable benefits. Crew discussed ship's wheel functional-

ity with autopilot. Members reviewed issues regarding missing-man pay and penalty pay. Crew requested new air conditioning in SIU rec room.

MAERSK SENTOSA (Maersk Line, Limited), June 11 -Chairman Mario Ordonez, Secretary Charles Brooks, Educational Director Jing Hui **Huang**. Chairman reminded crew of upcoming raise, taking effect July 1. Educational director advised members to upgrade at the union-affiliated Piney Point school. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew requested increases in work boot allowances and for company-paid travel to ship. Members asked for raises in vacation pay and for physicals to only be required annually.

LIBERTY PASSION (Liberty Maritime Corporation), June 12 – Chairman Val Custis, Secretary Christopher Amigable, Engine Delegate Denzel Lalin, Steward Delegate Xander Farris. Payoff to occur June 15 in Tacoma, Washington, per chairman. Members were advised to keep documents up to date. Secretary thanked crew for keeping mess hall and lounge orderly and reminded everyone to leave fresh linen for reliefs. Educational director cautioned crew to allow extra time for renewing documents and to upgrade at the Paul Hall Center. He also encouraged everyone to donate to SPAD. No beefs or disputed OT reported. New

fans in crew cabins and new mattresses have been formally requested. Vote of thanks was given to steward department for a job well done. Next port: Tacoma, Washington.

USNS WATERS (Ocean Shipholdings Inc.), June 25 - Chairman **Sergio Centeno**-Alvarez, Secretary Alexander **Dominguez**, Educational Director Randy Slue, Deck Delegate Michael Dibelardino, Steward Delegate Lamarai Jones. Chairman discussed starting a ship fund to purchase TVs. Educational director advised members to renew MMCs as soon as possible to avoid delays. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew discussed years of service requirement for retirement and asked for equal access to Wi-Fi. Members requested change in vacation benefit. Crew asked for clarification on extra meal pay. Internet unavailable since last union meeting and crew's requests for new mattresses were denied.

EVERGREEN STATE (Intrepid Personnel & Provisioning), June 25 – Chairman John Cedeno, Secretary Roche Bonita, Educational Director Robert Noble. Ship Wi-Fi completion to occur in Jacksonville, Florida. Chairman addressed shipping rules by group and seniority in regards to sea days allowed by tour and reiterated the importance of SPAD. He also conducted a 401K worksheet exercise and

advised crew to stay hydrated. Secretary reminded everyone to bag up dirty linen at sign off and to make sure to leave clean linen for oncoming members. Educational director urged crew to take advantage of the upgrading opportunities offered at the Paul Hall Center. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Chairman reminded all rotary personnel to make sure to obtain a tour of duty form completed by captain at completion of tour. Chairman offered reminders about upcoming room sanitation inspection. Crew went over questions about retirement benefits. Members requested increases to vacation days and suggested a \$200 boot allowance. Next port: Jacksonville, Florida.

SEABULK PRIDE (Eco Tankers Crew Management), June 29 – Chairman **Brian Gauntt**, Secretary Moses Scott, Deck Delegate David Chance. Chairman reported a smooth trip. Secretary praised crew for keeping ship clean and having good attitudes. Educational director advised members to attend upgrading courses at the Piney Point school. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew reviewed collective bargaining agreement. Members requested repairing or replacing the juice machine. Crew would like increases to optical benefits and for completion of tour bonuses to be offered to reliefs. Steward department doing a good job. Next port: New Orleans.

Know Your Rights

FINANCIAL REPORTS. The Constitution of the SIU Atlantic, Gulf, Lakes and Inland Waters makes specific provision for safeguarding the membership's money and union finances. The constitution requires a detailed audit by certified public accountants every year, which is to be submitted to the membership by the secretary-treasurer. A yearly finance committee of rank-and-file members, elected by the membership, each year examines the finances of the union and reports fully their findings and recommendations. Members of this committee may make dissenting reports, specific recommendations and separate findings.

TRUST FUNDS. All trust funds of the SIU Atlantic, Gulf, Lakes and Inland Waters District are administered in accordance with the provisions of various trust fund agreements. All these agreements specify that the trustees in charge of these funds shall equally consist of union and management representatives and their alternates. All expenditures and disbursements of trust funds are made only upon approval by a majority of the trustees. All trust fund financial records are available at the headquarters of the various trust funds.

SHIPPING RIGHTS. A member's shipping rights and seniority are protected exclusively by contracts between the union and the employers. Members should get to know their shipping rights. Copies of these contracts are posted and available in all union halls. If members believe there have been violations of their shipping or seniority rights as contained in the contracts between the union and the employers, they should notify the Seafarers Appeals Board by certified mail, return

receipt requested. The proper address for this is:

George Tricker, Chairman Seafarers Appeals Board 5201 Capital Gateway Drive Camp Springs, MD 20746

Full copies of contracts as referred to are available to members at all times, either by writing directly to the union or to the Seafarers Appeals Board.

CONTRACTS. Copies of all SIU contracts are available in all SIU halls. These contracts specify the wages and conditions under which an SIU member works and lives aboard a ship or boat. Members should know their contract rights, as well as their obligations, such as filing for overtime (OT) on the proper sheets and in the proper manner. If, at any time, a member believes that an SIU patrolman or other union official fails to protect their contractual rights properly, he or she should contact the nearest SIU port agent.

EDITORIAL POLICY — THE SEA-FARERS LOG. The Seafarers LOG traditionally has refrained from publishing any article serving the political purposes of any individual in the union, officer or member. It also has refrained from publishing articles deemed harmful to the union or its collective membership. This established policy has been reaffirmed by membership action at the September 1960 meetings in all constitutional ports. The responsibility for Seafarers LOG policy is vested in an editorial board which consists of the executive board of the union. The executive board may delegate, from among its ranks, one individual to carry out this responsibility.

PAYMENT OF MONIES. No monies are

to be paid to anyone in any official capacity in the SIU unless an official union receipt is given for same. Under no circumstances should any member pay any money for any reason unless he is given such receipt. In the event anyone attempts to require any such payment be made without supplying a receipt, or if a member is required to make a payment and is given an official receipt, but feels that he or she should not have been required to make such payment, this should immediately be reported to union headquarters.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. Copies of the SIU Constitution are available in all union halls. All members should obtain copies of this constitution so as to familiarize themselves with its contents. Any time a member feels any other member or officer is attempting to deprive him or her of any constitutional right or obligation by any methods, such as dealing with charges, trials, etc., as well as all other details, the member so affected should immediately notify headquarters.

EQUAL RIGHTS. All members are guaranteed equal rights in employment and as members of the SIU. These rights are clearly set forth in the SIU Constitution and in the contracts which the union has negotiated with the employers. Consequently, no member may be discriminated against because of race, creed, color, sex, national or geographic origin.

If any member feels that he or she is denied the equal rights to which he or she is entitled, the member should notify union headquarters.

SEAFARERS POLITICAL ACTIVITY DONATION (SPAD). SPAD is a separate segregated fund. Its proceeds are used to further its objects and purposes including, but not limited to, furthering the political, social and economic interests of maritime workers, the preservation and furthering of the American merchant marine with improved employment opportunities for seamen and boatmen and the advancement of trade union concepts. In connection with such objects, SPAD supports and contributes to political candidates for elective office. All contributions are voluntary. No contribution may be solicited or received because of force, job discrimination, financial reprisal, or threat of such conduct, or as a condition of membership in the union or of employment. If a contribution is made by reason of the above improper conduct, the member should notify the Seafarers International Union or SPAD by certified mail within 30 days of the contribution for investigation and appropriate action and refund, if involuntary. A member should support SPAD to protect and further his or her economic, political and social interests, and American trade union concepts.

NOTIFYING THE UNION — If at any time a member feels that any of the above rights have been violated, or that he or she has been denied the constitutional right of access to union records or information, the member should immediately notify SIU President David Heindel at headquarters by certified mail, return receipt requested. The address is:

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Inquiring Seafarer

This month's question was answered by members and one pensioner in Piney Point, Maryland.

Question: What are some things you like(d) about your job?



Frank Messick Pensioner (Sailed AB)

I liked the travel. The pay was great and the education was fantastic. The brotherhood is another great thing. You see a lot of places you'd never even thought of. The friendships you get with your fellow union members.



Roslyn Anderson Chief Cook

I like cooking and I like the people, my fellow crew members. Being able to cook with international products and experience different cultures – I love that.



Julian Abreu Chief Cook

Exploration and adventure. I would also say situations you don't always run into, like making a barbeque for a lot of people on the ship. Keeping the customers happy, things like that. I actually enjoy that a lot.



Michael Papaioannou Electrician

Traveling and working six months a year. The money is good, and you see new people all the time. I enjoy it. I've been with the union 20 years.



Michael Jacob Caquias Chief Cook

It covers three things I like to do: I'm passionate about the sea, I love cooking, and I love providing the best for my daughter. With this job, I do all three with one shot.



William Moran Chief Steward

I get to interact with people from different cultural backgrounds and also get to play with food. I've been sailing since 2001 and have been with the union since 2014.

Ples From The Past





The SIU-crewed *Sea-Land Portland* is pictured in 1970 (bow) and 1973 (stern). The containership typically delivered food cargoes to Puerto Rico. Altogether, Sea-Land ships during that era called on the island's major ports every 13 hours.

If anyone has a vintage union-related photograph he or she would like to share with other Seafarers LOG readers, please send it to the Seafarers LOG, 5201 Capital Gateway Drive, Camp Springs, MD 20746. Photographs will be returned, if so requested. High-resolution digital images may be sent to webmaster@seafarers.org

Welcome Ashore

Each month, the Seafarers LOG pays tribute to the SIU members who have devoted their working lives to sailing aboard U.S.-flag vessels on the deep seas, inland waterways or Great Lakes. Listed below are brief biographical sketches of those members who recently retired from the union. The brothers and sisters of the SIU thank those members for a job well done and wish them happiness and good health in the days ahead.

He primarily

worked in the

deck department

and upgraded at

the Piney Point

ous occasions.

Brother Solano

last shipped on the

Alliance St. Louis

and resides in Houston.

Brother Ahmed Sultan, 68, began

sailing with the Seafarers in 1997.

on multiple occasions. He most

New York

recently shipped aboard the Maersk

Columbus and lives in Staten Island,

INLAND

JORGE BORGES DALMAU

Brother Jorge Borges Dalmau, 70,

in the deck department and sailed

vices for the duration of his career.

Brother Borges Dalmau makes his

with Crowley Puerto Rico Ser-

home in Kissimmee, Florida.

embarked on his career with the Sea-

farers in 1976. He primarily worked

He initially

shipped on the

USNS Capella

and sailed in both

the deck and en-

gine departments.

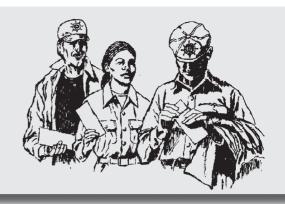
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DEEP SEA

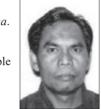
RICHARD BORDEN

Brother Richard Borden, 65, started his career with the union in 1978. He first shipped on the Aries and sailed in the deck department. Brother Borden upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. He last sailed with Moran Towing of Maryland and makes his home in Hampstead, Maryland.

BUDIMAN CHANDRA

Brother Budiman Chandra, 71, joined the Seafarers International

Union in 2004, initially sailing aboard the Alatna. He upgraded at the Piney Point school on multiple occasions and shipped in the steward department. Brother



Chandra most recently sailed on the Overseas Martinez. He is a resident of Jacksonville, Florida.

JORGE ELLIS

Brother Jorge Ellis, 62, began sailing with the SIU in 1988. A steward



department member, he first sailed aboard the Baltimore. Brother Ellis upgraded on several occasions at the Paul Hall Center and last shipped on the Seakay Star. He

lives in Fort Pierce, Florida.

ROBERT FIRTH

Brother Robert Firth, 66, signed on with the SIU in 1970, first sailing with Michigan Tankers. He shipped in the steward department and up-



graded at the union-affiliated Pinev Point school on numerous occasions. Brother Firth most recently sailed on the USNS Seav. He resides in Powder Springs, Georgia.

CAREY FOSTER

Brother Carey Foster, 66, became a member of the Seafarers International Union in 1979 and first shipped on the Merrimac. He sailed primarily in the deck department and upgraded on multiple occasions at the Paul Hall Center. Brother Foster's final vessel was the Sumner. He resides in Conyers, Georgia.

JAMES MORGAN

Brother James Morgan, 65, embarked on his career with the Sea-

farers in 1987, initially working on the USNS Assertive. He was a member of the deck department and most recently shipped on the Jean Anne. Brother Morgan

upgraded at the Piney Point school on multiple occasions. He calls Kamuela, Hawaii,

ROLANDO SALAMAT

Brother Rolando Salamat, 65, joined the SIU in 2007 when he sailed



on the Pride of America. He sailed in the deck department and upgraded on several occasions at the Piney Point school. Brother Salamat last shipped on the

Louisiana and makes his home in Riviera Beach, Florida

MARCELO SOLANO

Brother Marcelo Solano, 65, signed on with the union in 1991, initially sailing on the Independence.

CHARLES HODGES

Brother Charles Hodges, 62, signed on with the union in 1984. He sailed in the deck department and first worked with G&H Towing. Brother Hodges upgraded at the

Piney Point school on multiple occasions. He was last employed by Crowlev Towing & Transportation and settled in Cuero, Texas.

LONNIE KEYS

Brother Lonnie Keys, 66, joined the Seafarers International Union in 1976 when he sailed with National Marine Services. He was a member of the deck department and upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. Brother Keys last shipped with OLS Transport. He lives in Potosi, Missouri.

ALBERT LONG

Brother Albert Long, 57, signed on with the Seafarers in 1986. He sailed in both the deck and engine departments. Brother Long worked with Crescent Towing & Salvage for his entire career. He makes his home in Robert, Louisiana.



ANTHONY ROMAN

Brother Anthony Roman, 64, joined the SIU in 1978. He worked in the deck department

and upgraded at the Piney Point school on numerous occasions. Brother Roman's first and last employer was Moran Towing of Maryland. He is a Baltimore resident.

NMU

MICHAEL FOWLER

Brother Michael Fowler, 66, joined the Seafarers International Union during the 2001 NMU/SIU merger. He shipped in the engine department and upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. Brother Fowler's final vessel was the Chesapeake Bay. He lives in Savannah, Georgia.

STEVEN SANTOS

Brother Steven Santos, 65, sailed with the NMU prior to the 2001 NMU/SIU merger. He sailed in the deck department and last worked with Boston Towing and Transportation. Brother Santos resides in Stuart. Florida.

JOSEPH SHOEL

Brother Joseph Shoel, 65, signed on with the union during the NMU/ SIU merger in 2001. He shipped in the engine department. Brother Shoel concluded his career aboard the Lykes Discoverer and makes his home in Seattle.



With Seafarers Aboard Maersk Kinloss



Pictured aboard the vessel in Newark, New Jersey, are (back row, from left) ABM Robert Dunton, Recertified Steward Caezar Mercado, ABM Mahmoud Elsayes, SIU Port Agent Ray Henderson and QEE Tijani Rashid. In front are (also from left) AB Chris Justo and SA Wilson Palacios

Promoting Maritime, Workers' Rights



SIU Asst. VP Kris Hopkins (left) meets with U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D-Florida) at a labor roundtable event in Fort Lauderdale

Final Departures

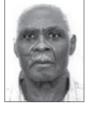


DEEP SEA

CONSTANTINE BAILEY

Pensioner Constantine Bailey, 81, passed away July 28. He

signed on with the Seafarers International Union in 2001 and first sailed aboard the Marine Chemist. He sailed in both the deck and engine



and engine departments. Brother Bailey last shipped on the *Overseas Chinook*. He retired in 2021 and settled in Port Arthur, Texas.

JOSE BAYANI

Pensioner Jose Bayani, 97, died July 29. He became a mem-



ber of the SIU in 1978 when he sailed aboard the Stuyvesant. Brother Bayani was a steward department member. He last shipped on the Horizon Pacific before becom-

ing a pensioner in 2007. Brother Bayani made his home in San Jose, California.

PAUL BURCKHARD

Pensioner Paul Burckhard, 80, passed away June 27. He joined

the union in 1970, initially sailing aboard the *Topa Topa*. Brother Burckhard primarily sailed in the engine department. He concluded his career aboard



the *El Faro* in 2002. Brother Burckhard started collecting his pension in 2008 and was a resident of Tacoma, Washington.

TOMAS DEL-ROSARIO

Pensioner Tomas Del-Rosario, 81, died July 2. Born in the



Philippines, he started sailing with the SIU in 1976. Brother Del-Rosario initially sailed with States Steamship Company and was a steward department

member. He last shipped aboard the *Independence* and became a pensioner in 2001. Brother Del-Rosario lived in Bakersfield, California.

JAY DILLON

Pensioner Jay Dillon, 65, has passed away. First sailing aboard the *Capricorn*,

the Capricorn, he became a member of the SIU in 1979. Brother Dillon worked in the deck department. He went on pension



in 2018 after sailing aboard his final vessel, the *Horizon Pacific*. Brother Dillon resided in Gulfport, Mississippi.

AMBROSIO FACHINI

Pensioner Ambrosio Fachini, 80, died May 26. He embarked on

his career with the Seafarers in 1966, initially sailing aboard the Overseas Joyce. Brother Fachini was a steward department member and last sailed



on the American Merlin in 1999. He retired the following year and settled in Brazil.

HOWARD HARE

Pensioner Howard Hare, 88, passed away June 30. He joined



the SIU in 1961 and first shipped with Bulk Ships Inc. Brother Hare was a member of the deck department and last shipped on the William Baugh. He went on pension in

1996 made his home in Mobile, Alabama.

JOHN MAHONEY

Pensioner John Mahoney, 88, died June 5. Born in Ireland,

died June 5. Borrhe began his career with the Seafarers in 1961. Brother Mahoney's first vessel was the *Rockypoint*. A deck department member, he last shipped on the *Endurance*.



Brother Mahoney retired in 1999 and resided in Seattle.

RONALD MOORE

Pensioner Ronald Moore, 79, passed away July 19. He donned the SIU colors in 1962 when he shipped on the *Del Valle*. Working in the steward department, Brother Moore concluded his career aboard the *Robert E. Lee*. He became a pensioner in 1999 and settled in Mobile, Alabama.

RAFAEL PEREIRA

Pensioner Rafael Pereira, 83, died June 13. He became a



member of the union in 1962, initially sailing with Sea Transport. Brother Pereira was a deck department member and also worked on shore gangs. He was last employed

with American Service Technology and retired in 2015. Brother Pereira was a Houston resident.

CHRISTOS PSANIS

Pensioner Christos Psanis,

89, passed away July 17. Born in Greece, he signed on with the SIU in 1961. Brother Psanis first shipped a Sea-Land vessel. He was a deck

department member and also worked on shore gangs. Brother Psanis went on pension in 1998. He called Sebastian, Florida, home.

JOSEPH QUINTELLA

Pensioner Joseph Quintella, 81, died July 23. He signed on



with the Seafarers in 1964. Brother Quintella's first vessel was the Overseas Rose. He sailed in the engine department and also worked on shore

gangs. Brother Quintella became a pensioner in 2002 and settled in Buckley, Washington.

CALVIN REID

Pensioner Calvin Reid, 59, passed away June 19. He joined the Seafarers

the Seafarers
International
Union in 1991.
Brother Reid
first shipped on
the USNS Contender. He was a
deck department
member and
most recently
sailed aboard the

North Carolina.



RONNIE RICHARDSON

Pensioner Ronnie Richardson, 71, died July 25. He began sail-



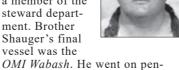
ing with the SIU in 1979. A steward department member, Brother Richardson first sailed aboard the Santa Maria. He concluded his career aboard the Blue Ridge and retired in 2016.

Brother Richardson was a San Francisco resident.

PERCIVAL SHAUGER

Pensioner Percival Shauger, 95, passed away July 8. Brother

Shauger signed on with the union in 1947. He first shipped aboard the *Alice Brown* and was a member of the steward department. Brother Shauger's final vessel was the



OMI Wabash. He went on pension in 1989 and lived in Madisonville, Texas.

RAFAEL VEGA

Pensioner Rafael Vega, 83,

died July 22. He embarked on his career with the Seafarers in 1964, initially sailing on the Western Planet. Brother Vega shipped in the deck depart-

ment. He last shipped aboard the *Horizon Discovery* and retired in 2004. Brother Vega was a Cleveland resident.

DAWUD YAMINI

Pensioner Dawud Yamini, 78, passed away July 23. He signed



on with the Seafarers International Union in 1991. Brother Yamini was first employed by Delta Queen Steamboat and primarily sailed in the deck department. He

concluded his career aboard the Louis J. Hauge Jr. and became a pensioner in 2006. Brother Yamini resided in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

GREAT LAKES

JOHN CLARK

Pensioner John Clark, 73, died July 5. He joined the SIU in 1971 when he sailed aboard a Great Lakes Associates ship. Brother Clark was a member of the

deck department and last shipped on the Walter J. McCarthy. He went on pension in 2007 and settled in Duluth, Minnesota.

INLAND

JOHN BRYAN

Pensioner John Bryan, 82, passed away July 22. He joined



lly 22. He joined the SIU in 1980. Brother Bryan sailed in the deck department. He retired in 2003 after concluding his career with Crowley Towing and Transportation. Brother

Bryan made his home in Orange Park, Florida.

WILLIAM CARTER

Pensioner William Carter, 82, died July 19. Signing on with the union in 1966, he first sailed with Berg Towing.

Berg Towing.
Brother Carter
worked in the
deck department.
He was last
employed with
Express Marine
before going on
pension in 2007.
Brother Carter

lived in Smyrna, Delaware.

AMOS DANIELS

Pensioner Amos Daniels, 89, has passed away. He began sailing with the Seafarers in 1976 and worked in the deck department. Brother Daniels was employed with Moran Towing of Virginia for almost all of his career. He became a pensioner in 1995 and called Chesapeake, Virginia, home.

ISRAEL DEJESUS

Pensioner Israel DeJesus, 62, died July 8. He joined the union in 1993. Brother DeJesus was a deck department member. He retired in 2019 after concluding his career with Port Imperial Ferry. Brother DeJesus resided in Maywood, New Jersey.

CHARLIE FOSTER

Pensioner Charlie Foster, 85, passed away July 15. He donned the union col

the union colors in 1961 and first worked with Gulf Atlantic Transport. Brother Foster shipped in the deck department. He last worked with Express Marine

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and became a pensioner in 2002. Brother Foster was a resident of Belhaven, North Carolina.

JAMES GODWIN

Pensioner James Godwin, 82, died June 17. He became a



member of the Seafarers International Union in 1981. Brother Godwin was a deck department member. He retired in 2008 after concluding

his career with Allied Transportation. Brother Godwin called Portsmouth, Virginia, home.

CHARLES ROLLINS

Pensioner Charles Rollins, 90, passed away July 20. He signed on with the union in 1961 and first sailed with Gulf Atlantic Transport. Brother Rollins was a deck department member and last worked for OSG Ship Management. He became a pensioner in 1995 and lived in Claremont, Virginia.

FREDERICK TAYLOR

Pensioner Frederick Taylor, 68, died July 3. He embarked on his career with the SIU in 1970, initially sailing with Michigan Tankers. Brother Taylor primarily shipped in the engine department. He last worked with Allied Transportation and retired in 1993. Brother Taylor resided in Portsmouth, Virginia.

BLAINE VALOIS

Brother Valois, 64, passed away June 6. Born in Pineville, Louisiana, he joined the union in 1998. Brother Valois was employed by E.N. Bisso & Son Inc for the duration of his career. He lived in Cottonport, Louisiana.

Paul Hall Center Upgrading Course Dates

The following is a list of courses that currently are scheduled to be held at the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education in Piney Point, Maryland during the next several months. More courses may be added. Course additions and cancellations are subject to change. All programs are geared toward improving the job skills of Seafarers and promoting the American maritime industry.

Seafarers who have any questions regarding the upgrading courses offered at the Paul Hall Center may call the admissions office at (301) 994-0010.

Title of Course	Start Date	Date of Completion			
Deck Department Upgrading Courses					
Able Seafarer-Deck	October 23	November 10			
Lifeboat/Water Survival	September 25 October 23	October 6 November 3			
RFPNW	October 9 November 13	October 27 December 1			
Advanced Shiphandling	September 25	October 6			
Advanced Stability	October 9	October 13			
Advanced Meteorology	October 16	October 20			
Search & Rescue Management Level	October 23	October 25			
Engine Department Upgrading Courses					
RFPEW	November 13	December 15			
FOWT	October 2	October 27			
Junior Engineer Program	October 23	December 15			
Marine Electrician	September 18	October 20			
Advanced Refer Containers	October 23	November 3			
Pumpman	September 18	September 22			
Machinist	September 25	October 13			
Welding	October 16	November 3			
Steward Department Upgrading Courses					
Certified Chief Cook	September 25 October 30 December 4	October 27 December 1 January 5			
ServSafe Management	September 18 October 23 November 27	September 22 October 27 December 1			
Advanced Galley Operations	October 16	November 10			
Chief Steward	September 11 November 13	October 6 December 8			

Title of Course	Start Date	Date of Completion				
Safety/Open Upgrading Courses						
Basic Training	October 9	October 13				
Basic Training (Revalidation)	September 25 September 29 October 23	September 25 September 29 October 23				
Government Vessels	September 11 September 25 October 16 October 23 November 6	September 15 September 29 October 20 October 27 November 10				
Tank Ship Familiarization DL	September 18	September 22				
Tank Ship Familiarization LG	September 25 October 9	September 29 October 13				





UPGRADING APPLICATION				
Name				
Address				
Telephone (Home) Date of Birth	(Cell)			
Deep Sea Member □ Lakes Member □	Inland Waters Member □			
If the following information is not filled out co	mpletely, your application will not be processed.			
Social Security #	Book #			
Seniority	Department			
Home Port				
E-mail				
Endorsement(s) or License(s) now held				
Are you a graduate of the SHLSS/PHC trained If yes, class # and dates attended	program?			
Have you attended any SHLSS/PHC upgradin	g courses? □Yes □ No			

With this application, COPIES of the following must be sent: One hundred and twenty-five (125) days seatime for the previous year, MMC, TWIC, front page of your book including your department and seniority and qualifying sea time for the course if it is Coast Guard tested. Must have a valid SHBP clinic through course date.

I authorize the Paul Hall Center to release any of the information contained in this application, or any of the supporting documentation that I have or will submit with this application to related organizations, for the purpose of better servicing my needs and helping me to apply for any benefits which might become due to me.

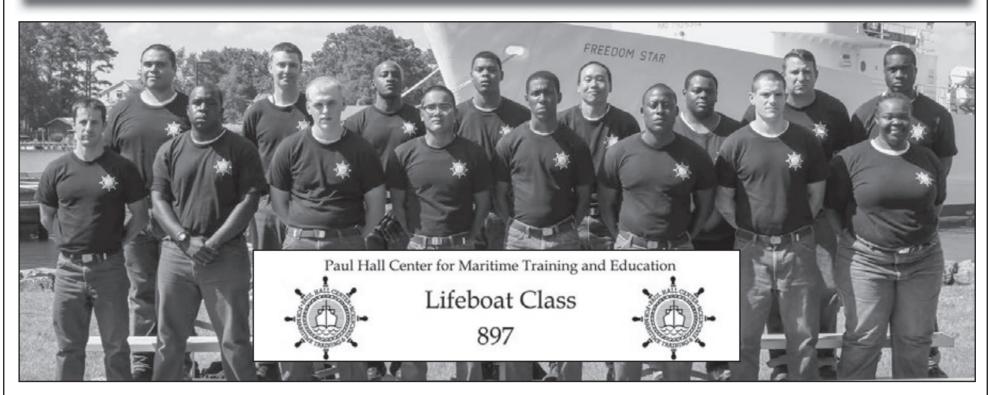
COURSE	START DATE	DATE OF COMPLETION
LAST VESSEL:		Rating:
Date On:	Date Off:	
SIGNATURE	D	ATE

NOTE: Transportation will be paid in accordance with the scheduling letter only if you present original receipts and successfully complete the course. If you have any questions, contact your port agent before departing for Piney Point. Not all classes are reimbursable. Return completed application to: Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education Admissions Office, Email:upgrading@seafarers.org Mail: 45353 St. George's Ave., Piney Point, MD 20674 Fax: 301-994-2189.

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Paul Hall Center Classes



Apprentice Water Survival Class #897 – Graduated July 14 (above, in alphabetical order): Darwin Alvarez-Lopez, Isaiah Jaim Balicha, Andrew Brown, D'Angelo Brown, Dedrick Carpenter, Patrick English, Christopher Flood, Lawrence Girard III, Theodore Hampton IV, Jacob Isaacs, Jonathan Jeronimo, Jacob Kemper, Victor Mak, Shaderricka McLaurin, Troy Mitchell, David Rojas and Ernest Ross Jr. (Note: Not all are pictured.)



Government Vessels – Graduated July 21 (above, in alphabetical order): Amado Paulito Estimada Angeles, Joseph Bowen, Randall Campbell, Joshua Chamorro, Wilbur Edwards Jr., Raymond Forse, Ronald Glenn Jr., Eric Hondel, Calvin Johnson, Montree Nakwichet, Fidel Saludo Pascua, Mused Saleh, Terry Taylor Jr., Lucas Tiderman, and Gerald Toledo. (Note: Not all are pictured.)



Fast Rescue Boat – July 21 (above, in alphabetical order): Kingdom Alozie, Aaron Burnett, Raymond Green, Vernon Humbles, and Terence Pitts.



Junior Engineer - Basic Electricity – Graduated July 28 (above, in alphabetical order): Majed Alsharif, Christian Fredrick, Mohammed Gir, Tracy Mitchell Jr., Michael Papaioannou, Corey Reseburg, Alonzo Devinn Sanz, Tara Trillo, Jorge Valencia Bon, Oscar Jan Vencer III and Roberto Wadsworth. Instructor Roy Graham is also pictured (far right).



Phase III Deck – Graduated July 14 (above, in alphabetical order): Tahjarian Campbell, Ayman Elahi Jr., Tahj Horton, Stephen Hoskins, Adam Mason, Cody Miranda, Jawuam Mixon, Jovanny Otero Negron, Malik Oxendine Jr., Nick Randall, and Ubaydulwakeel Shambley.



Water Survival (Lifeboatman) – Graduated July 14: Tammy Gammage. Instructor Charles A. Noell III is also pictured (right).



RFPNW – Graduated July 14 (above, in alphabetical order): Ryan Heimberger, Jamzie Shepard III, Dacobi Timmons and Marvin White.

Students Helping Students

Apprentices from the SIU-affiliated Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education recently volunteered for an annual back-to-school event sponsored by the local NAACP. Pictured in the photo below are trainees Christian Smith, Laron James, Brize Agbayani, Robert Crain, J'lon Williams, Dallas Smith, Adam Mason, Marcus Olmedo, Nick Randall, Ayman Elahi, Tajh Horton, Jovanny Otero and Cody Miranda (along with longtime Paul Hall Center employee Howard Thompson, third from left). Standing at far right in the photo at right is Maryland Delegate Todd Morgan (from St. Mary's County).









Notice

Members Approve Changes to 4 Ports

During the August membership meetings, votes were taken at all of the union's constitutional ports on a matter proposed by SIU President Dave Heindel and unanimously approved by the SIU Executive Board to change the status of four informational port facilities: the halls in Norfolk, Virgina; Jacksonville, Florida; Wilmington, California; and Tacoma, Washington.

A majority of the voting membership concurred and, as a result, effective October 1, 2023, the port offices in Norfolk, Jackson-ville, Wilmington and Tacoma will all be classified as constitutional ports – meaning that official actions can be taken at the meetings in those ports, along with all other constitutional ports, starting with the October membership meetings.

Paul Hall Center, Union Host Military Sealift Command Officials



The SIU and its affiliated Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education in late July hosted a quarterly labor-management meeting at the school that also included personnel from the U.S. Military Sealift Command (MSC), the MM&P and the MEBA. Attendees covered a wide range of topics pertaining to federal-sector mariners. Following the meeting, they toured the campus in Piney Point, Maryland. Among those pictured in the posed photo (right to left, starting at far right) are SIU Representative Sam Spain, SIU Counsel Jon Madden, SIU VP Government Services Nicholas Celona and (far left) SIU Asst. VP Joe Vincenzo.

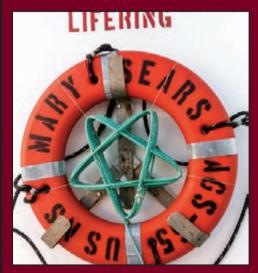


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Greetings from the USNS Mary Sears

Many thanks to AMO member Ed McDonnell for these snapshots from the *USNS Mary Sears* (Ocean Shipholdings). The group photo was taken in Sydney, Australia. SIU members in the various photos include Recertified Bosun Joe Gierbolini, ABs Julian Lina, Mark Bolitho and Toby Blunt, OS Mohamed Saleh, QMEDs Mackenzie Latta, Peter Solis and Russ Bravo, Storekeeper Ana Calma, GVA Chris Gonse and SA Surait Kajuna. Ed also offered special kudos to Gierbolini, who "is above and beyond. He's super safety-conscious and always taking care of everyone. Amazing guy and has his kids following him into the industry."



A creative approach to life ring storage.



The crew of the USNS Mary Sears poses for a photo while in Sydney, Australia.



Recertified Bosun Joe Gierbolini, alongside a 35-lb Mahi Mahi he caught.



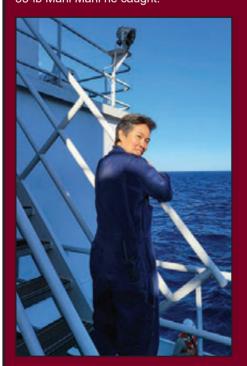
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