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OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 35TH EDITION

DECEMBER 29, 2023

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ALL THE BEST AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION FOR UNITY

RECENTLY I HAD SOME CORRESPONDENCE FROM AN OLD FRIEND WHO REMINDED ME WHY WE HAVE WRITTEN OVER 35 EDITIONS OF THIS NEWSLETTER. THE GOAL HERE IS TO MAKE ARRIVAL TOGETHER WITH A NEW CONTRACT IN HAND. THE GOAL IS TO COLLECTIVELY RAISE THE INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS ON BOARD YOUR SHIP WITH YOUR VOICE. AS WE HAVE ALL WITNESSED IN OUR INDUSTRY, THE SHIPS AND THE WORKLOADS KEEP GETTING LARGER BUT THE CREW STAYS THE SAME SIZE OR IN SOME CASES SMALLER. LONG GONE ARE THE DAYS OF A 50 MAN CREW WHERE YOU HAD EXTRA HANDS TO RESPOND TO THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS AND PROACTIVELY ADDRESS LABOR INTENSIVE MAINTENANCE ITEMS THAT INEVITABLY POPPED UP.

TODAY WE ARE A SKELETON CREW. AS WAS ONCE VERY WELL STATED TO ME BY A FELLOW DECK OFFICER:

"WHEN THINGS GO SOUTH AND YOU ARE BATTLING THE ELEMENTS, SOMETHING BREAKS, OR GOD FORBID SOMETHING WORSE HAPPENS... WHO IS THE ONE STANDING WITH YOU ON THE HOSE TEAM?"

THE ANSWER OF COURSE IS ALL OF US. ALL OF US WHO GO TO SEA SHOULD BE ON THAT HOSE NO MATTER WHETHER YOU ARE DECK, ENGINE, OR STEWARDS DEPARTMENT. MUTUAL RESPECT AND COLLECTIVE ACTION IS THE WAY FORWARD. WITH 21 DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE ATC FLEET BALLOTS ARE COUNTED AND WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE NLRB TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE OSG BALLOTS LET'S ALL MAKE A RESOLUTION TO WORK TOGETHER IN UNITY NO MATTER WHAT UNION YOU CHOOSE.



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BEST MEME OF 2023 SURVEY

IN LIGHT OF THE NEW YEAR, WE AT MM&P WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR OWN 'YEAR IN REVIEW' AND HEAR FROM YOU ALL ON WHAT YOUR FAVORITE MEME OF 2023 WAS! PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO TAKE OUR SURVEY, AT THE END OF WHICH AWAITS A FREE MM&P T-SHIRT. BE SURE TO FILL OUT YOUR INFO AND WE WILL SEE YOU ALL IN 2024!

Click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mmpmeme23>

IN THE MEAN (MEME?) TIME SEE BELOW MEMES FROM OUR PAST YEARS EDITIONS:



WHEN YOU'RE AT THE END OF YOUR HITCH AND YOUR PLANE TICKET IS SITTING IN YOUR INBOX.

Them: "Doing it that way won't work"
Me after it works:



"THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO STRIP A TANK."



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"WHEN THAT ALL HANDS CALL COMES AT O'DARK THIRTY AND YOUR SHIFTING TO YOUR SECOND DOCK IN THE LAST 12 HOURS"

Me:



The Maritime Industry



What environmentalists think we do.



What importers/exporters think we do.



What government thinks we do.



What mass media thinks we do.



What society in general thinks we do.



What we really do (connecting, feeding, providing energy, trade - moving the world!)



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"MUSIC TO THE CHIEF MATE'S EARS."



"BECOMING ONE OF THE TRIBE"

July 4th, 1776

British: just saying you're independent doesn't make it true

Thomas Jefferson:

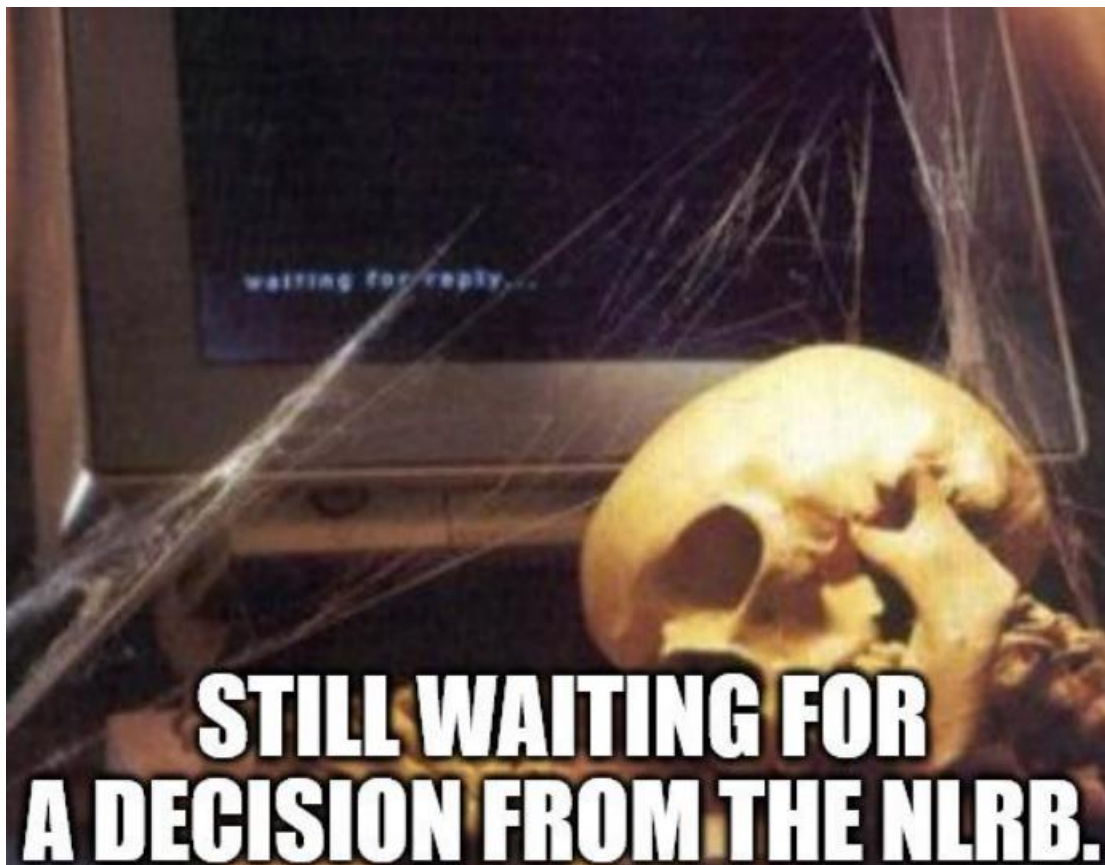




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Because 3 ghosts changing the minds of OSG about using foreign mariners doesn't look promising.



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THE LICENSED DECK OFFICERS' UNION

MM&P IS HERE TO LISTEN

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN REACH CAPTAIN SHAWN TUCY OR CAPTAIN TOM LARKIN AT [MMPINFO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG](mailto:mmpinfo@bridgedeck.org) OR CALL 410-582-7046

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