



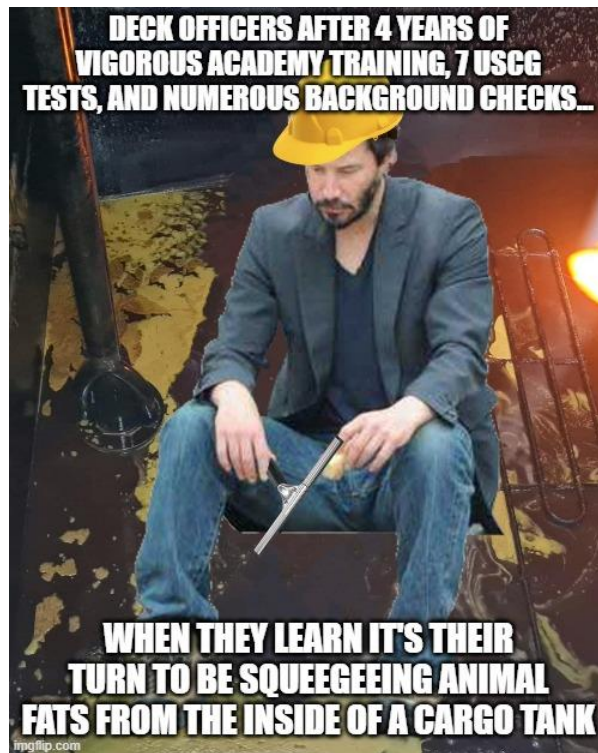
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JOB SECURITY AND PORTABILITY

THE CORPORATE STRUCTURE OF SHIPPING COMPANIES IS A MAZE OF LLCs AND SHELL COMPANIES THAT ARE MEANT TO SHIELD THE COMPANY FROM LIABILITY. SHIPPING IS A HIGH RISK AND, IN GOOD TIMES, HIGH REWARD BUSINESS MODEL. THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE, US SHIPPING COMPANIES HAVE BEEN BOUGHT, SOLD, DISAPPEARED, AND GONE BANKRUPT ONLY TO RISE AGAIN UNDER A NEW NAME.

COMPANIES HAVE COME AND GONE, BUT THROUGHOUT THESE TIMES OUR UNION HAS REMAINED. JOB SECURITY LANGUAGE IN OUR CONTRACTS IS OF THE UPMOST IMPORTANCE TO OUR MEMBERSHIP. JOB SECURITY MEANS THE CONTRACT FOLLOWS THE SHIPS REGARDLESS OF WHAT COMPANY HAS PAINTED THEIR LOGO ON THE STACK. YOUR PAY, BENEFITS, AND WORKING CONDITIONS ARE ANCHORED IN A UNION CONTRACT THAT WE COLLECTIVELY VOTE ON.



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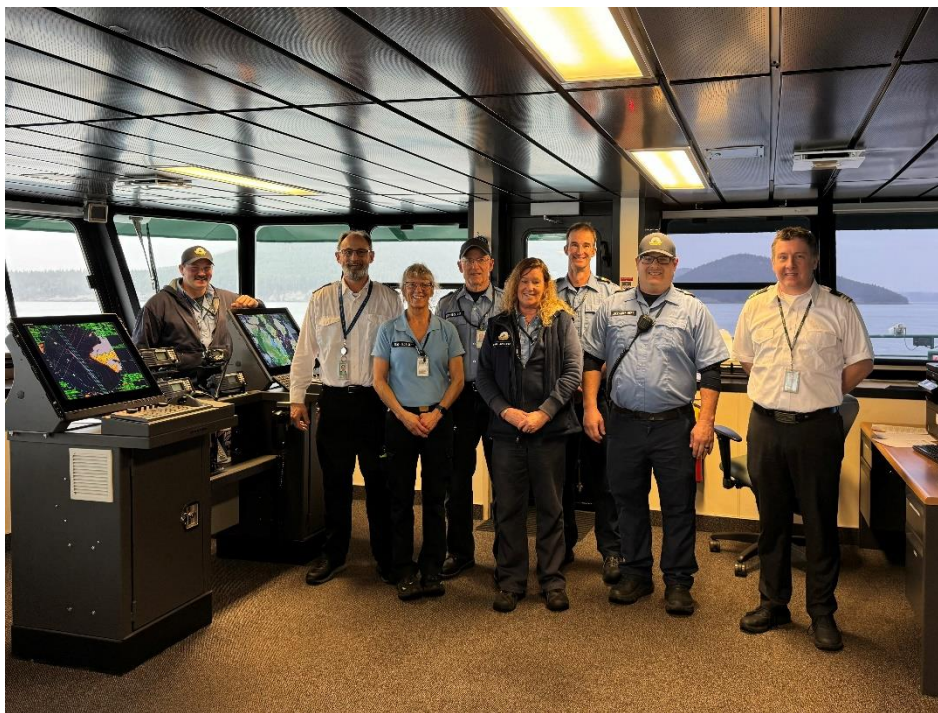
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JOB PORTABILITY IS EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET PIGEONHOLED INTO WORKING FOR ONE SHIPPING COMPANY OR EVEN ONE TYPE OF SHIP, THERE ARE MANY OTHER COMPANIES UNDER CONTRACT THAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO ACROSS SEVERAL DIVISIONS OF OUR UNION. THE ROTARY SHIPPING MODEL OFFERS AN OPTION TO SHIP "OFF THE BOARD" AND PROVIDES FREEDOM OF WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW LONG YOU WANT TO SHIP OUT.

THIS FREEDOM TO CHOOSE IS PAIRED WITH OUR BENEFITS THAT FOLLOW YOU TO EACH CONTRACT, SAFEGUARDING YOUR RETIREMENT, HEALTHCARE, TRAINING, AND PROVIDING PEACE OF MIND THROUGHOUT YOUR MARITIME CAREER. WITH OUR UNION'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT, YOU CAN NAVIGATE THE SHIFTING SEAS OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY WITH CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY.

AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS



Crew of the Washington State Ferry *Samish* that were on duty during the rescue of March 9th in Rosario Strait



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IN THE NEWS

MM&P GOES TO CAPITOL HILL TO ADVOCATE FOR AMERICAN SHIPS AND CREWS

MM&P, U.S.-FLAG SHIPPING COMPANIES, THE MARITIME ACADEMIES, AND ALLIED GROUPS SPENT A DAY ON CAPITOL HILL LAST WEEK, ADVOCATING FOR THE U.S.-FLAG FLEET AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO CREW AMERICAN VESSELS.

THEY ASKED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JOBS AVAILABLE TO AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINERS AND THE SHARE OF CARGO CARRIED ABOARD U.S.-FLAG VESSELS.

THE OCCASION WAS THE "MARITIME INDUSTRY CONGRESSIONAL SAIL-IN," NOW IN ITS 12TH YEAR.

THE SAIL-IN IS AN OCCASION TO CONSOLIDATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO STAND WITH MARITIME LABOR IN DEFENSE OF THE U.S.-FLAG FLEET.



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IT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH TIES WITH LEGISLATORS WHO MAY HAVE ONLY A MODERATE AWARENESS OF THE ROLE THAT AMERICAN SHIPS AND CREWS PLAY IN THE U.S. ECONOMY, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND NATIONAL DEFENSE.

THIS YEAR, 122 PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE AMERICAN MARITIME INDUSTRY TOOK PART IN THE CONGRESSIONAL SAIL-IN. COLLECTIVELY, THEY HAD 126 MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFFS.

THE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED:

- MM&P AND OTHER MAJOR U.S. SEAFARING UNIONS;
- JONES ACT COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS;
- STATE MARITIME ACADEMIES;
- THE AFL-CIO TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT; AND
- THE AFL-CIO MARITIME TRADES DEPARTMENT.

MM&P WAS REPRESENTED BY: PRESIDENT DON MARCUS; SECRETARY-TREASURER DON JOSBERGER; GULF PORTS & GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS VICE PRESIDENT JEREMY HOPE; ATLANTIC PORTS VICE PRESIDENT TOM LARKIN; WESTERN GREAT LAKES PILOTS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT CHRISTOPHER EDYVEAN; MIRAID PRESIDENT JIM PATTI; MIRAID COUNSEL STEVE WINES; AND MIRAID LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE JAMES PATTI.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SAIL-IN MET WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFFS TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING AMERICAN MARINERS AND THE U.S.-FLAG SHIPPING INDUSTRY, IN PARTICULAR AS CHINA EXPANDS ITS DOMINATION OF GLOBAL SHIPPING AND WORLD SUPPLY CHAINS.

THE DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON THE NEED TO ASSURE THAT:

- THE MARITIME SECURITY PROGRAM IS FULLY FUNDED AT THE CONGRESSIONALLY AUTHORIZED LEVEL;



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-- THE TANKER SECURITY PROGRAM IS FULLY FUNDED AT THE CONGRESSIONALLY AUTHORIZED LEVEL.

IN ADDITION, SAIL-IN PARTICIPANTS URGED CONGRESS TO:

-- INCREASE FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD AID PROGRAMS, SUCH AS PL-480 FOOD-FOR-PEACE;

-- SUPPORT STATE MARITIME ACADEMY FUNDING FOR TRAINING SHIP INFRASTRUCTURE, FUEL, AND STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS; AND

-- SUPPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING FOR THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY AT KINGS POINT.



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