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OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 62ND EDITION

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OSG FLEET UPDATE

109 DAYS UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED



CHANGE

AS THE VOTE DRAWS NEAR, OUR RECENT CONVERSATIONS HAVE MOSTLY CENTERED ON CHANGE. AS AN OLD SHIPMATE ONCE SAID:

"THE MARITIME INDUSTRY HAS A VERY SMALL RUDDER AND IT IS VERY SLOW TO CHANGE"

MAKING A DECISION FOR CHANGE MUST BE WEIGHED CAREFULLY. AS DECK OFFICERS WE ARE TRAINED TO BE PRUDENT WHEN MAKING DECISIONS TO NAVIGATE AND OPERATE OUR VESSELS. OF COURSE WHEN WE TAKE THE WATCH, WE HAVE THE CONN. WE HAVE A VOICE AND THOSE ON OUR WATCH MUST LISTEN TO AND ABIDE BY OUR LAWFUL ORDERS AS THE OFFICER OF THE



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WATCH. AS OSG CHANGES THEIR WATCH AND BECOMES SALTCHUK, OUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD AND RESPECTED. CHANGE BRINGS UNCERTAINTY, BUT TOGETHER WE WILL BUILD A CONTRACT THAT IMPROVES YOUR CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. YOUR INTERESTS ARE OUR MISSION. WITH THE WHEEL OF MM&P OPPORTUNITY IN HAND, TOGETHER WE WILL STEER THROUGH THIS TRANSITION.





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I DIDN'T GET A BALLOT. HOW DO I REQUEST ONE?

ANYONE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED A MAIL BALLOT KIT AT THEIR HOME MAY REQUEST A DUPLICATE MAIL BALLOT KIT DIRECTLY BY PHONE AT (813) 228-2470 OR (813) 228-2238, OR BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO:

CHASTITY.PABON-LOCKLEY@NLRB.GOV

INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME AND THE COMPLETE ADDRESS TO WHICH YOU WANT THE DUPLICATE MAIL BALLOT KIT SENT.



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FOR ALL ATC LDOs WHO WANT TO APPLY FOR THE MM&P LICENSE ADVANCEMENT FELLOWSHIP PLEASE FOLLOW THE BELOW CHECKLIST:

MM&P LICENSE ADVANCEMENT FELLOWSHIP CHECKLIST

- STEP 1: APPLY FOR MM&P MEMBERSHIP BY EMAILING BOTH AVICTORIO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG AND MMPINFO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG. WE WILL SEND YOU AN APPLICATION AND WILL REQUEST ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION AS NEEDED TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION.
- UPON APPLICATION, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY THE ADJUSTED BALANCE OF THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP DUES AND REMAIN CURRENT THEREAFTER AT \$125.00 PER QUARTER. AS PROMISED, THERE IS NO OBLIGATION FOR INITIATION FEES.
- AS YOU ARE A PERMANENT EMPLOYEES WITH ATC, YOU WILL BE REGISTERED AS A COMPANY EMPLOYEE (CE). YOUR SENIORITY STATUS WILL BE “APPLICANT” UNTIL A FIRST CONTRACT IS RATIFIED. AFTER RATIFICATION YOU WILL BE UPGRADED TO A “A” BOOK AND THE DEFERRED INITIATION FEE WILL BE WAIVED.
- AS A COMPANY EMPLOYEE APPLICANT, YOU CAN BID ON OPEN PORT RELIEF OFFICER (PRO) JOBS SUBJECT TO OUR SHIPPING RULES.
- STEP 2: SUBMIT YOUR TUITION/BOARD RECEIPTS FROM THE CHIEF MATE/MASTER UPGRADE COURSES YOU TOOK AT EITHER MITAGS EAST OR MITAGS WEST TO COMPROLLER@BRIDGEDECK.ORG AND MMPINFO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG.
- STEP 3: WE WILL REIMBURSE YOU VIA CHECK FOR THE QUALIFYING COURSES TAKEN AT MMP’S SCHOOL.



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IN THE NEWS

USCG HONORS MM&P CHARLESTON HARBOR PILOT FOR HANDLING OF SHIP THAT LOST PROPULSION CONTROL

CHARLESTON HARBOR PILOT CHRISTOPHER THORNTON HAS RECEIVED THE COAST GUARD'S MERITORIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE MSC CONTAINERSHIP THAT LOST PROPULSION CONTROL ON JUNE 5 WHILE TRAVELING OUTBOUND FROM THE PORT OF CHARLESTON.

THORNTON SAFELY NAVIGATED THE SHIP FOR MORE THAN 20 NAUTICAL MILES AT NEARLY DOUBLE ITS NORMAL SPEED THROUGH SEVERAL MAJOR TURNS AND UNDER THE RAVENEL BRIDGE.

THE COAST GUARD SAID THE PILOT'S ACTIONS WERE "NOTHING SHORT OF MIRACULOUS."



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LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS, ALERTED BY THE CHARLESTON HARBOR PILOTS DISPATCHER, SHUT DOWN THE BRIDGE FOR A SHORT TIME AND CLEARED THE SHIPPING CHANNEL WHILE THE VESSEL PASSED.

“OUR MISSION REQUIRES US TO BE PREPARED FOR THE UNEXPECTED, AND IN THIS CASE, OUR PILOT AND OUR STAFF APPLIED OUR TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO AVERT A POTENTIALLY VERY SERIOUS SITUATION THAT WOULD HAVE IMPACTED THE COMMUNITY AND THE PORT,” SAID W. CRAYTON WALTERS III, PRESIDENT OF THE CHARLESTON BRANCH PILOTS ASSOCIATION.

“THE QUICK AND ASTUTE RESPONSES OF THE COAST GUARD, AND OUR LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO CLEAR THE CHANNELS, THE BEACHES, AND THE BRIDGE AHEAD OF THE SHIP WERE JUST AS CRITICAL TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC FROM HARM, AND WE COMMEND EACH OF THEM FOR THEIR ACTIONS,” HE ADDED.

THE MERITORIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD, ONE OF THE HIGHEST PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS THAT THE COAST GUARD CAN BESTOW, RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO HAVE SHOWN UNUSUAL COURAGE IN ADVANCING A COAST GUARD MISSION OR MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION THAT PRODUCED TANGIBLE RESULTS TO THE PUBLIC.



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AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS



LATE NIGHT DEPARTURES WOULDN'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT UNPLANNED MATCHING OUTFITS FOR THE CHIEF MATE AND CAPTAIN ABOARD THE MM&P CONTRACTED MAERSK VESSEL *ALLIANCE FAIRFAX*.



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DOGS PREPARING FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY



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OR ATC LDOs PREPARING FOR THE DAY WE START NEGOTIATIONS.



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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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