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OSG FLEET & ATC FLEET NEWSLETTER 67TH EDITION

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OSG AND ATC FLEET UPDATE

74 DAYS UNTIL THE BALLOTS ARE COUNTED

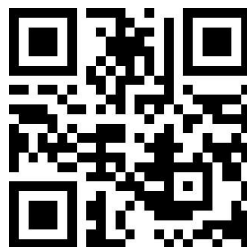
LET'S MEET

JUST ONE MORE HITCH BEFORE WE COUNT THE BALLOTS! WHILE WE WAIT, MM&P WANTS TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOTED FOR US SO FAR. WE KNOW THAT CHANGE CAN BE CHALLENGING. CLEAR AND FORTHRIGHT COMMUNICATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO MAKING THE BEST DECISION. AFTER 67 EDITIONS OF THIS NEWSLETTER, AND 137 YEARS OF REPRESENTING LICENSED DECK OFFICERS, MM&P REMAINS DEDICATED TO GOOD COMMUNICATION, HONESTY, AND PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION.

WE INVITE ALL LDOS FROM OSG AND ATC TO JOIN US FOR AN OPEN VIRTUAL MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2024, AT 1300 EDT. THIS IS A CHANCE TO CONNECT FACE-TO-FACE, ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, CLEAR UP ANY RUMORS, AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR CLICK THE LINK TO REGISTER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED BEFORE THE MEETING, PLEASE EMAIL US AT MMPINFO@BRIDGEDECK.ORG.

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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 EMPLOYEE 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

CREWMEMBERS ABOARD HIJACKED CAR CARRIER HAVE “SIGNIFICANT HEALTH ISSUES,” PROMPTING RENEWED CALLS FOR THEIR RELEASE

OFFICIALS IN THE PHILIPPINES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT SEVERAL OF THE CREWMEMBERS ABOARD THE *GALAXY LEADER*, WHICH WAS HIJACKED LAST FALL BY HOUTHİ REBELS, ARE VERY SICK.

THE CAR CARRIER AND ITS 25-PERSON CREW HAVE BEEN HELD IN YEMEN SINCE IT WAS BOARDED BY THE HOUGHİS ON NOV. 19, 2023, WHILE SAILING TO INDIA FROM TURKEY.

TERRORISTS BOARDED THE VESSEL FROM A HELICOPTER IN THE FIRST OF THE SERIES OF ATTACKS ON MERCHANT SHIPS AND CREWS THAT FOLLOWED THE START OF THE WAR IN GAZA.

AFTER HIJACKING THE VESSEL, THE TERRORISTS BERTHED IT OUTSIDE THE PORT OF HODEİDAH AND OPENED IT TO TOURISTS.

THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND SHIPOWNER RAY CAR CARRIERS, WHICH IS BASED IN THE UK, HAVE REPEATEDLY CALLED FOR THE CREWMEMBERS’ RELEASE.

SEVENTEEN MEMBERS OF THE CREW ARE FROM THE PHILIPPINES, THREE ARE FROM UKRAINE, TWO ARE FROM BULGARIA, TWO ARE FROM MEXICO, AND ONE IS FROM ROMANIA.



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REPORT RELEASED BY THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFIRMS THAT SEVERAL OF THE FILIPINO CREWMEMBERS ARE EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF MALARIA.

PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS JR. HAS CALLED FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE CREW ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

AN IMAGE FROM MM&P MEMBERS



MM&P LDOS WORKING ON BOARD THE MATSON VESSEL *M/V MANULANI*.



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MM&P GOOD SHIPMATE AWARD



EACH YEAR, AS MARITIME ACADEMIES GRADUATE, MM&P HONORS A SELECT GROUP OF SENIOR DECK CADETS WITH THE GOOD SHIP MATE AWARD. THESE CADETS, ALL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF MM&P, ARE CHOSEN FOR EMBODYING THE TRUE SPIRIT OF A GOOD SHIPMATE. THE AWARD INCLUDES A PAIR OF MARINE BINOCULARS (USUALLY STEINERS) AND \$1,500 OFF THEIR INITIATION FEE WHEN THEY JOIN MM&P.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CADET CHRISTOPHER WHITE WHO WAS GIVEN THE GOOD SHIPMATE AWARD FOR GREAT LAKES MARITIME ACADEMY, HE TOOK HIS USN OATH THIS WEEK AND BROUGHT HIS CERTIFICATE WITH HIM.



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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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