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From Legal Victory to First Contract

All-LDO Call May 13, Noon EST, See Below

The company's strategy of delay is nearing its bitter end. The tide of federal labor law is turning against them, and our legal team has steadily kept us on the strongest possible legal course throughout this fight. What we have endured over the last two years is a systemic attempt to stall our progress but LDOs have stood strong.

While legislation for faster contracts is vital, our true power remains on the ships. Our unity and willingness to take action during this period is what drives change. Management uses delay to drain momentum and spread disillusionment, but we must prove to Saltchuk that time only makes us stronger.

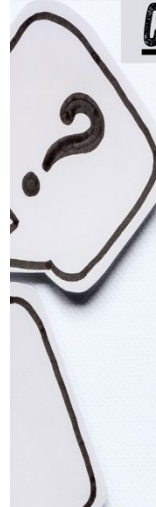
We have already achieved some significant victories:

- Legal Precedent: We won a unanimous NLRB decision that secures protections for all future LDOs including Chief Mates.
- Structure: Our bargaining committees have met consistently for two years, establishing the communication channels needed for a powerhouse contract.
- Accountability: We have held Saltchuk to the status quo and the company has become more responsive to LDOs.

U.S. policy explicitly encourages collective bargaining to prevent the "industrial strife" that obstructs trade. By standing firm, we are ensuring the stability of our industry. We have the momentum and now it's time to finish the job and secure the contract we deserve.

ANSWER ON NEXT WEEK'S ALL-LDO TEAMS

CALL TO WIN AN MM&P PRIZE



Question:

Contracts are made as a team, and the more participation, the better it will be. What is a skill your coworkers have that can make this a particularly good contract?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/atcosg>

Register here or see below. 5/13,12pm EST



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Below are five ways we can meet the challenge of company delays and regulatory attacks:

- 1) Get in the conversation and join the MM&P LDO WhatsApp. We're strongest in negotiations when members are informed and give feedback.

<https://rebrand.ly/ATCOSHWHATSAPP>

- 2) Numerous people have signed the letter to demand bargaining, it's not too late and important that your voice is heard.

<https://rebrand.ly/ATCOSGLETTER>

- 3) Register for the ALL-LDO Call coming up May 13. This is a joint call for ATC and OSG mates and will focus on contract and benefits education.

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- 4) Defend the Jones Act! Sign the new letter to Congress.

<https://app.oneclickpolitics.com/campaign-page?cid=D7hGRVqesfAuvjJcFM3SA&sslid=Mzc1szC2sLQwMTcwAwA&sseid=MzEAAUNjAzNLMONLEwA&jobid=6994fbc8-dba5-4ff6-9d12-6233c0b0bf9c>

- 5) LDOs have been holding smaller group calls with union reps and onshore visits. Call or email MM&P organizer Daniel and we will plan something: 443-628-8343 / DGinsberg@Bridgedeck.org



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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

ATC/OSG MM&P LDOS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 12PM EST ON TEAMS

**REGISTER
HERE:**



LEGAL UPDATES

MM&P PLAN ADMINISTRATOR Q&A

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AS UNION MEMBERS OF A JONES ACT FLEET, WE DEFEND THE WORKERS, VESSELS, AND INDUSTRIES THAT KEEP AMERICA MOVING. EXTENDING THE JONES ACT WAIVER HELPS FOREIGN SHIPPING COMPANIES AT THE EXPENSE OF U.S. MARINERS, SHIPYARDS, AND THE FLEET OUR MILITARY DEPENDS ON.

Take Action





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IN THE NEWS

COAST GUARD FUNDING RESUMES--NMC UPDATE

The House of Representatives Friday passed legislation to fund the Coast Guard and most other Department of Homeland Security agencies, with the exception of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol

The agreement ends a 76-day shutdown that has caused serious problems throughout the maritime industry.

The National Maritime Center has released the following update on the resumption of services.

NMC and the regional examination centers are resuming normal operations in a phased approach to prioritize the most critical functions and address the backlog of applications and examinations resulting from the lapse in appropriations.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND PROCESSING TIMELINES

- The Application Submission Portal (ASAP) for submission of applications and supporting documentation remains active.
- Applications for merchant mariner credentials (MMCs), medical certificates, and course approvals and related requests will be processed on a first-in/first-out basis.
- Only applications that demonstrate a clear and documented nexus to national defense will be considered for expedited processing.

Marine employers with national defense-related requests are advised to contact the NMC Customer Service Center (CSC).

- All extension policies and mitigation measures outlined in Update #3: Mitigation Efforts–Extensions, dated April 22, remain in effect through their stated expiration dates. Please refer to that [bulletin](#) for full details.

During the prolonged lapse, the NMC has accumulated a significant backlog of applications, currently more than 19,000 submissions and growing.



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Processing timelines are expected to extend 8-12 months from the date a completed application is received.

To avoid potential delays and disruptions to employment and operations, mariners are strongly encouraged to apply at least 8-12 months in advance of expiration.

After submission, mariners should also allow additional time for applications to be entered into the system before checking the status online or contacting the CSC.

REGIONAL EXAM CENTERS

The RECs will resume operations; however, counter (walk-in) services will remain suspended until further notice to allow staff to focus on backlog reduction and examination scheduling.

Examination scheduling will be conducted in the following order of priority:

1. Mariners with previously scheduled examinations on or after May 1:

Appointments will be honored as scheduled.

2. Mariners whose examinations were scheduled and cancelled between Feb. 17 and May 1:

Mariners will be contacted by REC staff to reschedule at the earliest available opportunity.

3. All other applicants: Scheduling will open once priority groups have been accommodated.

During the initial resumption period, the CSC will not schedule examinations. After the period for mariners whose examinations were canceled during the furlough to reschedule is completed, the opportunity to schedule an exam for all mariners will be available through the CSC.

Anticipate opening exam schedule for all other mariners shortly.

COURSE APPROVALS



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Course approvals will continue to be processed on a first-in, first-out basis. Mariners are encouraged to monitor the NMC website for updates regarding processing times, REC operations, and policy adjustments as operations stabilize.

For questions, contact the Customer Service Center via the NMC online chat system, by emailing IASKNMC@uscg.mil, or by calling 1-888-IASKNMC (427-5662).



OSG and ATC LDOs can upgrade to Chief Mate through the MM&P License Advancement Fellowship by applying for MM&P membership via comptroller@bridgedeck.org and mmpinfo@bridgedeck.org for reimbursement. The Fellowship reimburses 50% of non-reimbursed training costs up to \$10,000 per LDO for approved courses. For more information, email mmpinfo@bridgedeck.org.



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PLEASE [CLICK THIS LINK](#) TO SIGN ELECTRONICALLY.

1,083 SIGNATURES AND COUNTING...

Petition to CEO Samuel Norton and President & COO Timothy DiPietropolo Overseas Shipholding Group and Alaska Tanker Company

We, the undersigned Licensed Deck Officers of Overseas Shipholding Group (OSG) and Alaska Tanker Company (ATC), alongside the leadership and membership of the Masters, Mates, and Pilots (MM&P) union, respectfully call on CEO Samuel Norton and President & COO Timothy DiPietropolo to engage in good-faith negotiations with us.

On April 19, 2024, CEO Samuel Norton addressed the OSG and ATC fleet in an email, stating:

"To avoid any confusion and to repeat the message that I have communicated several times over the past few weeks: it is up to the LDOs to decide if they want a union, and if so, which union. OSG recognizes and respects the right of our employees to decide whether they will be represented by a union. We also note that about half of our LDOs are supervisory and have different rights and responsibilities. That said, OSG will accept the representation decisions of our LDOs, including, should it be the case, the right to remain unrepresented."

We have exercised that right and voted for MM&P representation in a free and fair election, certified by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Every day, we report to duty aboard your vessels with dedication and professionalism, ensuring the safe and efficient operation of OSG and ATC vessels—contributing directly to the company's success and reputation.

Now, we ask that you stand by your word and respect our decision. We urge you to meet with us without delay to begin meaningful negotiations. Our shared objective is the continued success of OSG and ATC, and we are committed to working collaboratively toward a fair and just agreement.



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OSG and ATC First Contract PROGRESS BAR



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 OR CALL 410-582-7046

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<https://bridgedeck.org/osg-newsletters/>