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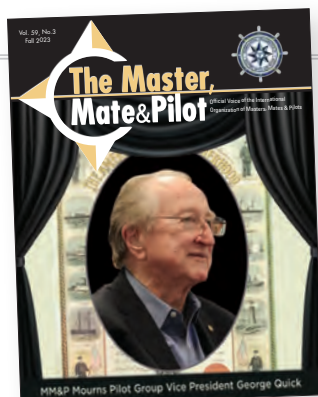
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Pilot Group Vice President George Quick, who passed away in July, was an advocate for seafarers, a mentor to many in the labor movement, and a role model for generations of delegates to the International Maritime Organization.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Full Ahead

Union Sisters & Brothers:

On July 11, 2023, at the age of 93, Captain George Quick peacefully crossed the final bar. Honored by Secretary-General Kitack Lim of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London earlier this year, George was one of the world's leading experts on pilotage laws and maritime regulation. An outstanding pilot with the Association of Maryland Pilots, a brilliant attorney, a mentor of countless mariners inside and outside of our union, and a Vice President of MM&P since 1982, George's contributions to our members and to seafarers around the world for his work at the IMO cannot be matched. A celebration of George's life will be held for this wonderful person, mentor, friend, and union brother at MITAGS on the afternoon of October 21, 2023. *(Please see page 16 for more information.)*

This summer has been an eventful one for MM&P around the country as well as on the high seas. MM&P continues to have active organizing drives in the Offshore and Inland sectors. We are fully engaged in the contest to uphold industry standards and the employment of union labor in the Offshore wind sector and, as always, MM&P has been active in protecting and enhancing maritime legislation in Washington, D.C.

Despite standard employer tactics of delay and deceit in at least two of our organizing campaigns, we are confident that the licensed deck officers and other professional mariners who have sought out MM&P for representation will hold fast and stand up for their rights. Hundreds have before them over the many years of our existence. The deep-sea U.S. merchant marine has one of the highest union densities of any U.S. industry for a reason. Only the "right to work for less" legislation in the states along the Gulf and on the rivers has prevented the same level of union representation in these waters. All mariners understand the value of a collective bargaining agreement.

As of this date, MM&P has filed Unfair Labor Practice charges against the Alaska Tanker Company LLC and The Dutra Group. Notwithstanding management pledges to respect the decisions and legal rights of their employees, both companies quickly proceeded to renege on their promises. While not surprising, this was particularly disappointing in the case of The Dutra Group, with which we believed MM&P had a long and positive relationship. Be that as it may, MM&P is fully committed to victory. As reported in my last editorial, our Offshore Membership Group tanker campaign is well underway, directed by the fine leadership of VP Tom Larkin, supported by the other members of MM&P's Offshore Advisory Committee, by pensioner Shawn Tucy—a distinguished tanker master and former MM&P Delegate—and by numerous others in

our Union. On the Inland side, International Representative Steve Miceli Jr. has done outstanding work in the Dutra hopper dredge campaign.

While these efforts are in process, our outstanding team in the Pacific Maritime Region (PMR) has nailed down a second new contract with Leo Marine Services/Centerline Logistics. The PMR has supported the major expansion of AMNAV, a ship-assist tug company in California. Congratulations and a fulsome welcome to our new members employed by these companies. These mariners stood firm during their organizing campaigns and more will join them in our Union. To VP Dan Twohig and Representatives Antonio Amalfitano, Sly Hunter, and Nick Sorber: a job very well done!

Critical in these campaigns and others in the pipeline is the expert representation of our legal team. The MM&P legal team, led by Gabriel Terrasa, is second to none in maritime labor. While no outcome is guaranteed under the regressive system of U.S. state and federal labor laws, when maritime workers stick together, success can and will be achieved.

This leads to one of the most interesting developments I have witnessed since I came ashore to work for our membership. As damaging as the North American Free Trade Agreement was for workers within and on both sides of the U.S. borders, the revised U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA) has had a beneficial effect for maritime workers in Mexico. This summer, MM&P's Puerto Rico Representative Eduardo Iglesias, Daniel Camazon, General Secretary of our affiliate in the Panama Canal (Unión de Capitanes y Oficiales de Cubierta) and I had the honor of joining Antonio Fritz, General Secretary of Orden Mexicana de Profesionales Marítimos y Portuarios, Similares y Conexos ("Orden Marítima") south of the border to participate in some gratifying developments in the Mexican labor movement. The USMCA necessitated a major reform in Mexican labor law. These changes have facilitated organizing in many industrial and transportation sectors. Further, a great many of the fraudulent "yellow" protection unions have been decertified and are no longer preventing legitimate unions from organizing as they have in the past. As a result, Orden Marítima has organized over half a dozen new bargaining units, doubled the size of their membership and is now well on the way to organizing Mexico's oil patch.

Eduardo and I were able to attend a Mexican labor summit and a briefing at the AFL-CIO's Solidarity House in Mexico



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President's Message continued

City. The accounts of many of the Mexican unions at the meeting were inspirational. They demonstrated the enduring power of collective action by working people. Later, Eduardo and I were honored to attend the opening celebration of Orden Marítima's new Union Hall in Ciudad del Carmen on the Gulf of Campeche, where our Mexican colleagues are fully engaged in organizing mariners in the offshore oil industry.

U.S. labor laws need to be similarly reformed. Organizing drives and the resulting representational certifications should be determined under federal law in a matter of weeks as opposed to months or, too often, years. Further, the law must not reward bad faith bargaining by allowing employers to avoid first contracts. The dysfunctional state of federal labor law is on full display to those who have been following the injustices being perpetrated against workers at Amazon and Starbucks. While interest in unionization is at the highest point in many years in the United States, our federal labor laws are woefully regressive, and our National Labor Relations Board is grossly under-resourced to accomplish the task at hand within a reasonable time frame and within the financial resources available to most workers' organizations.

MM&P's commitment to organizing will not waiver, nor will our commitment to state-of-the-art training for our members. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of the faculty, management and staff at MITAGS, our schools, East and West, are gradually recovering from the financial constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The school is now fully certified by the Global Wind Organization for offshore wind industry training and MM&P is working with the other maritime unions, the AFL-CIO, and the International Transport Workers' Federation to establish our rightful foothold in this important sector. The MATES Program Trustees have approved Dynamic Positioning (DP) training at MITAGS and expect this to be operational soon.

MITAGS is also the first training institution in the industry to develop an in-house Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment (SASH) prevention course. We urge all members to take the course when they are at MITAGS. We are negotiating with our employers to see that it satisfies company EMBARC training requirements. The course is far superior to what is now available aboard ship. We thank Catie Gianelloni at MITAGS for her great work on this project.

In the industry at large, all maritime labor should celebrate the successful negotiation of a Master agreement between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and the Pacific Maritime Association after over one year of hard-fought negotiations: it represents a victory for the labor movement, and it raises all boats in the maritime industry. Once again, the ILWU serves as a beacon for what can be accomplished when working people stick together. Congratulations to the ILWU and many

thanks to Acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su for facilitating an agreement between the parties. Her appointment as Secretary of Labor, which is still pending confirmation in the House of Representatives, is another statement of commitment to labor by President Biden's administration. As with his appointments to the National Labor Relations Board, the support of labor by the

MM&P's affiliate in Mexico, Orden Marítima, has organized over half a dozen new bargaining units, doubled the size of their membership and is now well on the way to organizing the country's oil patch.

Executive Branch of government is often a key ingredient to success.

While there is little surprise that the ILWU membership would stand together and negotiate a world-class contract, one event came to pass this summer that few ever thought would happen. It was gratifying to witness the christening of the *Empire State VII*, the first of five National Security Multi-Mission Vessels (NSMV), at Philly Shipyard on June 26, 2023. At a cost of well over \$315 million per vessel, this is the greatest commitment to the U.S. Merchant Marine I have seen since the enactment of the Maritime Security Act of 1996.

The occasion was marred only by the fact that cadets who want to obtain a merchant marine license by sailing aboard this vessel must pay some \$15,000 per training cruise on top of their tuition to the State Maritime Academy that they attend! This makes no sense in an industry that is crying out for the next generation of merchant marine officers! Since the ships are being built by the government to serve the national security needs of our country, the government should pay the operating costs necessary for cadets to train aboard them.

Nonetheless, the NSMV Program and the construction of the ship itself are undeniable achievements. Similarly, the newly enacted Tanker Security Program is a great step forward. The legislation will bring ten re-flagged tankers into the U.S. Merchant Marine, with more likely to follow. All of which goes to say, the merchant marine may not be loved by all in Washington, D.C., but U.S.-flag ships are needed—as are the unions whose members move the ships from point “A” to point “B” in time of war, peace, or pandemic!

Finally, we lost another colleague who made a difference in many of our members' lives over the years when MM&P's long-time Atlantic Regional Representative Jay Tripaldi passed away on

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President's Message continued

August 2, 2023. An old salt, a New Yorker through and through and, at times, a curmudgeon of the first order, Jay got his start during the Viet Nam War. He plied his trade for forty years in our ranks before coming ashore to serve as dispatcher and then Regional Representative in our NY/NJ Hall. Jay held court in NY/NJ for over ten years. He also held many strong opinions and was not shy about expressing them, but no one doubted that his loyalties lay with MM&P. His satisfaction was in helping our membership out and advance their careers. Our NY/NJ Hall will not be the same after Jay's passing and that of Charlie Moy, another

true MM&P brother, mariner, and former NY/NJ dispatcher, late last year.

As we celebrate those who built our union and served our membership throughout their long careers, let us share their commitment and dedication to our fine and venerable organization.

Fraternally,

Don Marcus
International President

New Pasha Hawaii Vessel Sets Sail

The *MV Janet Marie*, Pasha Hawaii's new LNG-powered 'Ohana Class containership, began her maiden voyage to Honolulu in July with an inaugural call at the Port of Long Beach. The company's first 'Ohana Class vessel, *MV George III*, started service in the summer of 2022.

"These ships symbolize the best of American ingenuity and ship building," said Pasha Hawaii President and CEO George Pasha IV. "We are extremely grateful to the Port of Long Beach for their invaluable partnership and support in bringing both *George III* and *Janet Marie* to fruition."

At a portside ceremony, Harbor Commission President Sharon Weissman presented him and Doug Fisher, master of the *Janet Marie*, with a plaque honoring the ship's captain and crew.

"We are proud to be one of the global ports capable of accommodating ships operating on cleaner fuels, putting us on a path to enhancing air quality throughout the region," she said.

PHOTO CREDIT PORT OF LONG BEACH



In commemoration of *MV Janet Marie's* first call to the Port of Long Beach, Harbor Commission President Sharon Weissman (*center*) presented Pasha Hawaii President and CEO George Pasha IV (*center*) and *MV Janet Marie* Captain Doug Fisher (*standing next to George Pasha*) with a plaque in honor of the ship's captain and crew.



Aboard the *Janet Marie* in Oakland. Chief Mate Steven Partridge, MM&P Secretary-Treasurer Don Josberger, and Captain Douglas Fisher.



Josberger with Second Mate Michelle Mitchell, and Pasha Senior Vice President Ed Washburn.

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Maritime Industry Salutes Sen. Maria Cantwell for Strong Support of U.S. Fleet

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), a staunch advocate for the American Merchant Marine, received the 2023 Salute to Congress award at a June 13 ceremony.

“Senator Cantwell has been a forceful and outspoken advocate for all segments of the maritime industry,” said C. James Patti, international president of the International Propeller Club, in presenting her with the award. “Throughout her career, she has played a key role in the enactment of numerous maritime legislative initiatives and has worked tirelessly to ensure that the programs and policies important to our industry, including the Jones Act, the Maritime Security Program, and the U.S.-flag cargo preference shipping requirements, are funded, implemented, and enforced.”

In accepting the award, Cantwell, the first woman to serve as chair of the powerful Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, pledged that expanding the domestic maritime industry and protecting the Jones Act will continue to be central to the work of Congress. Of particular importance, she said, are increasing the number of U.S. mariners and creating new shipyard jobs.

During her speech, she saluted America’s mariners for keeping the country supplied with essential goods during the pandemic. “I want to give a great debt of thanks... for the sacrifices they made to keep our economy going,” she said. “It was true patriotism.”

The Salute to Congress award is presented to legislators who recognize the importance of the maritime industry to our country’s economic, homeland, and national security. The International Propeller Club, founded in 1927, is a business network of maritime professionals. It is dedicated to the promotion of the maritime industry and the efficient and economical movement of foreign and domestic waterborne commerce.

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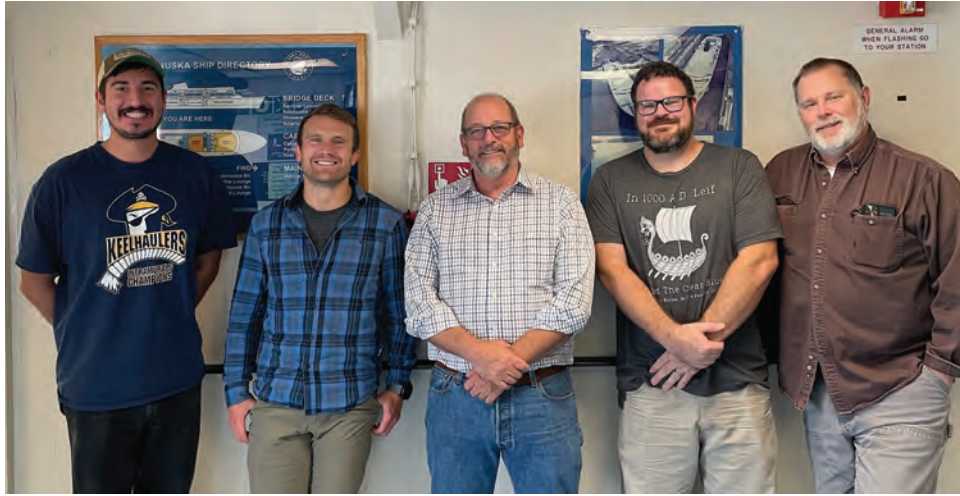
In presenting Sen. Cantwell with the award, C. James Patti, international president of the International Propeller Club, noted her “forceful and outspoken advocacy for all segments of the maritime industry.”

AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Fred Redmond Visits MM&P



AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Fred Redmond received a tour of MM&P headquarters and MITAGS recently from MM&P President Don Marcus and Secretary-Treasurer Don Josberger. In the photo (left to right) John Paul Smith, Executive Assistant (Chief of Staff) to the AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer, MM&P Secretary-Treasurer Don Josberger, AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Fred Redmond, and MM&P President Don Marcus.

A Visit to Ketchikan



On a recent trip to Ketchikan to discuss an enhanced training program with Alaska Marine Highway leadership, MM&P Pacific Maritime Region Vice President Dan Twohig and Alaska Representative Mike Murray spent time talking with several PMR licensed deck officers whose vessels were in the shipyard. (Left to right) *Matanuska* Chief Mate Issac Johnson, *Kennicott* Captain Mike Shep, PMR Vice President Dan Twohig, *Kennicott* Chief Mate Drew Margerison, and *Matanuska* Captain Keith Hillard.

MV Cape Orlando Completes Turbo Activation



The *MV Cape Orlando*, operated by Patriot Contract Services, successfully completed a 10-day turbo activation in May. It included five days to prepare the ship to sail, three days of sea trials for the Maritime Administration, and two days of training with Military Sealift Command. The MM&P licensed deck officers who carried out the activation were (left to right) Third Mate Cris Molina, Master Gus Sawatzki, Second Mate John Matichak, Third Mate Kevin Martin, and Chief Mate Jonathon Wellman.

Christening of First New Maritime Academy Training Ship

Representatives of labor unions and the Maritime Administration joined other industry and government leaders on June 26 for the christening of the first of five National Security Multi-Mission vessels destined for the country's maritime academies. MM&P President Don Marcus represented the union at the event, which took place at Philly Shipyard in Philadelphia. The *Empire State VII* will be delivered this summer to the State University of New York Maritime College.

MARAD named Elizabeth Christman, vice president of the Maryland Pilots Association and a graduate of SUNY Maritime College, as sponsor of the *Empire State*. Christman supported SUNY cadets directly for several years as a watch officer and chief mate on earlier *Empire State* vessels.

Kimberly Alfultis, the spouse of SUNY President Michael Alfultis, has been named the matron of honor of the ship in recognition of her long-standing support for the student body and her work in fostering a safe and inclusive environment at sea.

The NSMVs feature numerous instructional spaces, a full training bridge, hospital facilities, a helicopter pad, and the ability to accommodate either 600 cadets or, in times of humanitarian need, up to 1,000 people.

"The christening of the *Empire State* is a powerful statement about the impact of a strong domestic shipbuilding policy and the potential for our nation's shipbuilders to rise to the challenges we face today," said Congressman Joe Courtney (D-Conn.), ranking member of the House Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee and one of the major advocates for the NSMV program. "Now, we have a proven contracting model and architecture to not only train mariners but boost our sealift program without relying on the vagaries of the foreign market."



MM&P President Don Marcus and the Maritime Administrator, retired admiral Ann C. Phillips, at the christening of the *Empire State VII*.

Transportation Secretary Visits Washington State Ferries

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg visited Washington State Ferries on July 6, meeting with MM&P Pacific Ports Vice President Lars Turner, Pacific Maritime Region Vice President Dan Twohig, and representatives of the other unions who work for the ferry system.

Buttigieg spoke about the investments in infrastructure and ferry electrification that are being made under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other federal funding programs.

"It was a great opportunity for us to talk with Secretary Buttigieg, as well as Pacific Northwest leaders who understand the importance of the ferry system," Turner said. "This type of meeting helps us ensure that MM&P members' interests continue to be front and center for national and state decision makers."



Orden Marítima Celebrates Organizing Wins, Opens New Union Hall

MM&P President Don Marcus and Puerto Rico Representative Eduardo Iglesias joined members of MM&P's affiliate in Mexico, Orden Marítima, in June to meet with union leaders, observe Maritime Day, and celebrate the opening of Orden Marítima's new union hall in Ciudad del Carmen on the Gulf of Campeche.

They were hosted by Orden Marítima General Secretary Antonio Fritz and joined by Daniel Camazón, general secretary of MM&P's Panama affiliate Unión de Capitanes y Oficiales de Cubierta.

As a result of recent changes in Mexico's labor laws and a series of successful organizing campaigns, Orden Marítima has organized over half a dozen new bargaining units, doubling the size of its membership, and is now well on the way to organizing Mexico's oil patch.



UCOC General Secretary Daniel Camazón, Orden Marítima General Secretary Antonio Fritz, MM&P President Don Marcus, MM&P Puerto Rico Representative Eduardo Iglesias and union members at the opening celebration for Orden Marítima's new hall in Ciudad del Carmen.



Members and friends of Orden Marítima celebrate the opening of the new union hall.



MM&P, Orden Marítima and UCOC observed Maritime Day together. The ties between Mexico's Merchant Marine and the U.S. labor movement are "like a lighthouse," that guides us all in the direction of fair working conditions, Fritz said.



Aboard an offshore supply vessel operated by Naviera Integral. Orden Marítima is seeking to represent the mariners who work in Mexico's oil patch.

Participants in ITF Roundtable Address Key Issues Affecting Ferry Workers

Over 40 delegates representing thousands of seafarers in 25 countries gathered in Manila for two days in June. They all had one thing on their minds: improving conditions for the men and women who operate the world's ferries.

"It was great to get together with so many of our brothers and sisters from different countries and realize that a lot of the issues we face in the States are daily realities for ferry workers worldwide," said Nic Adamson, who represented MM&P at the conference.

Nic works as chief mate/relief master for the Alaska Marine Highway System and is based in Juneau. He has been on the MM&P negotiating committee for AMHS deck officers and works closely with Mike Murray, the union's Alaska representative.

The topics covered at the roundtable included:

- the Maritime Labor Convention of 2006, dubbed "the Seafarers' Bill of Rights," which typically doesn't cover domestic ferry operations;
- the importance of maintaining seafarers' physical and emotional wellbeing.

There were also breakout groups on communications skills, negotiating tactics, minimum safe manning levels, and handling grievances.

Opening remarks were given by: Jacqueline Smith, the ITF maritime coordinator; Gregorio S. Oca, president of the Associated Marine Officers' and Seamen's Union of the Philippines; Generick Morales, national vice president of the Associated Philippine



Nic Adamson, who sails as chief mate/relief master for the Alaska Marine Highway System, represented MM&P at the conference.

Seafarers' Union; and Niclas Mårtensson, chief executive officer of Stena Line, which operates the most comprehensive ferry network in Europe.

Much of the discussion focused on what roundtable participants called "the biggest weapon" in the arsenal of unethical employers: reflagging their vessels to avoid complying with regulations they don't agree with.

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Members of ITF affiliate unions share the goal of improving working conditions for the world's ferry workers.

ITF Roundtable continued

An example is the case of P&O Ferries, which in March 2020 fired 800 of its employees over Zoom, ordering them to immediately disembark their ships and replacing them with contract workers from low-wage countries.

A representative of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers called it “one of the most shameful acts in the history of British industrial relations.”

The ITF and its European arm, the ETF, have formed a joint Fair Ferries task force in a bid to stamp out this type of “social dumping” and ensure that their policies, and those of national governments, apply to seafarers working aboard all ferries in European waters.

“Fortunately, in the States we have legislation such as the Jones Act and the Passenger Vessel Services Act to protect our jobs and to keep American seafarers working,” Adamson says. “For me, this discussion also highlighted the important work that MM&P’s PCF does in fighting to keep those protections in place.”

Participants in the roundtable also talked about seafarers’

wellbeing and, in particular, the importance of fighting workplace harassment.

“The ITF did a very good job covering this topic,” Adamson said. “For me, the discussion highlighted what an excellent job MM&P is doing with both our Women’s Caucus support group and our Employee Assistance Program.”

“To see how far MM&P has gone—not just in protecting our livelihoods, but also in protecting our safety, our wellbeing, and our mental health—made me proud to be a member.”

The ITF plans to create a ferry working group to continue the conversations that began at the roundtable and seek solutions to the problems identified.

“I look forward to seeing what the ITF does to increase awareness and improve the working conditions for ferry workers worldwide,” Adamson said. “It was eye opening for me to see that ferry workers everywhere are facing similar problems.”

MM&P is one of the nearly 700 transport unions in 147 countries that belong to the ITF.

“Bravo Zulu” From *USNS Burlington* to Jacksonville CNO Pilots



Licensed deck officers aboard *USNS Burlington* (left to right) Captain Tyler Driscoll, Third Officer Jack Davis, Second Officer Amanda Brown, Third Officer Nathan Jensen, and First Officer Christopher Scott.

The CNO Harbor Pilots at Naval Station Jacksonville received a message of thanks from Captain Tyler W. Driscoll, master of *USNS Burlington*, after a recent rendezvous. The pilots and the tractor tugs “guided us gently alongside B-3-1 after getting caught broadside to a passing squall with winds up to 47kts,” Driscoll told CNO Harbor Pilot Geoffrey Nelson of USN NAVSTA MAYPORT.

“Glad to have you and your crew back in the basin,” Nelson responded, adding, “it’s always nice to hear appreciation for our services, especially when a challenging evolution is handled skillfully and professionally.”

The CNO pilots and the licensed deck officers aboard *USNS Burlington* are represented by the MM&P Federal Employees Membership Group.

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MM&P Salutes Ferry Crews and Government Officials at June Event

MM&P Secretary-Treasurer Don Josberger expressed the union's thanks to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and New York officials for ensuring funding for the ferry system.

"As a native New Yorker, former ship's captain and secretary-treasurer of the union representing the largest group of mariners operating the ferries, it is an honor to be here to salute this achievement," Josberger said at a pier-side event that took place in June.

"The crews of the Staten Island ferries are at work 24/7 serving the citizens of New York City, in good times and bad. They have proven their mettle during the Covid-19 pandemic, keeping the ferries on schedule and responding to the emergency of the *Sandy Ground* fire, which could have been horrific had not our crews responded as the professionals that they are. They have earned their stripes."

Josberger also thanked Staten Island Ferry administrators, "who share our commitment to serve the public and with whom our group has worked cooperatively for many years."

Also in attendance at the event were representatives of the MM&P Atlantic Maritime Group Paulina Czernek, Keith Poissant, and Anthony Turzio.



MM&P Secretary-Treasurer Don Josberger thanked Sen. Chuck Schumer for his efforts to ensure a secure funding stream for the Staten Island Ferry. MM&P represents the largest group of mariners operating the ferries.



Greetings From the *Horizon Spirit*!

The MM&P members aboard the *Horizon Spirit* sent greetings to the rest of the MM&P fleet. (Left to right) Second Mate Alan Arsenault, Chief Mate Christian Ranosa, Captain Chris Kluck, and Third Mate Shane Haggerty.

Greetings From Members of the MM&P Pacific Maritime Region!

MM&P Alaska Representative Mike Murray and Captain John “Jack” Cox spent time this summer talking with members of the PMR aboard vessels operated by the Alaska Marine Highway System, Washington State Ferries, and Black Ball Ferry Line. Cox is co-owner of Black Ball Ferry Line, which operates the *MV Cobo*, a passenger and vehicle ferry linking Victoria, B.C., to Vancouver.



Black Ball Ferry Line

Aboard *MV Cobo*: Second Mate Tom Bock, Chief Mate Brandon Melville, and Captain Ben Rowland.



Washington State Ferries

Crew of the Washington State Ferries *Suquamish*:
(left to right) Captain Randy Eckler, Chief Mate Vanessa Webster, and Second Mate Paul Roberts.

Alaska Marine Highway System



Aboard *MV Columbia*: Second Mate David Butler, MM&P Alaska Representative Mike Murray, and Chief Mate Jason Wallin.



Aboard *MV Columbia*:
Third Mates Brandon Feinberg and Aaron Schroeder.

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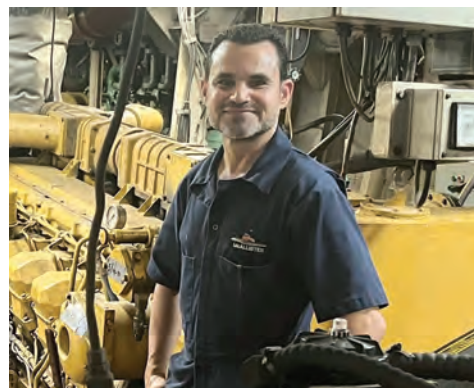
Visit to McAllister Towing in San Juan



MM&P Secretary-Treasurer Don Josberger and UIG Representative Eduardo Iglesias visited recently with members of the United Inland Group—Great Lakes & Gulf Region who work at McAllister Towing in San Juan. (Left to right) Captain Enrique Sanchez, Josberger, Luis Perez Molina, and Carmelo Acevedo Cornier.



Iglesias, Sanchez, and Josberger beside the *Brooklyn McAllister*.



Luis Perez Molina in the engine room.

Maersk Detroit Encounters Maersk Kinloss



When these photos were taken, *Maersk Detroit* was departing the North Charleston terminal outbound along the Cooper River, and *Maersk Kinloss* was docking at VIG terminal in Portsmouth. “Both vessels had just come out of the shipyard,” says *Maersk Ohio* Master Chris Kavanagh, who shared the photos. “Notice the new Maersk branding logo on the *Detroit*—white lettering with star. *Kinloss* has the black letters, no star.”

USNS *Salvor* Welcomed in India

Military Sealift Command rescue and salvage ship *USNS Salvor* visited L&T Shipyard near Chennai recently for voyage repairs. *Salvor* was the third Navy ship to visit L&T, after *USNS Charles Drew* and *USNS Matthew Perry*. The crew was welcomed with a ceremony attended by officials from the U.S. and India, and shipyard managers. *Salvor*'s visit was the first after the signing of a landmark five-year master ship repair agreement between the U.S. Navy and India.



USNS Salvor Captain Andrew MacLeod with officials from the U.S. and India at a ceremony marking the vessel's arrival at L&T shipyard.



Aboard *USNS Salvor*, Navigator Carolina Lombardi talks with local officials.



Chief Mate Victor DeVeso speaks with L&T Shipyard managers pier-side.

NEWS BRIEFS (CONTINUED)

MM&P and SIU Presidents Meet With Acting U.S. Secretary of Labor

MM&P President Don Marcus and SIU President Dave Heindel met with Acting U.S. Secretary of Labor Julie Su during the AFL-CIO Board Meetings in Washington, D.C., at the end of July.

A civil rights attorney who was previously the head of California's labor department, Su is the child of immigrants. She has described how her family had a very difficult time getting by until her mother obtained a union job, which gave the family a path to the middle class.

Throughout her career, she has worked to defend workers' rights and expand opportunities for advancement, especially through workforce training programs. Labor unions welcomed her nomination by President Biden to head the department.

MM&P President Don Marcus and SIU President Dave Heindel with Acting U.S. Secretary of Labor Julie Su. Marcus, a member of the AFL-CIO General Board, thanked Su for helping to conclude the agreement on the West Coast between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the Pacific Maritime Association.



USNS Sisler Supports Helicopter Training Off the Coast of Honduras

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The crew of Military Sealift Command's large medium speed roll-on, roll-off ship *USNS Sisler* supported helicopter landing deck qualifications for two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters assigned to U.S. Southern Command's 1-228th Aviation Regiment, off the coast of Honduras on July 27. *Sisler* is operated by Patriot Contract Services and crewed by approximately 30 Civil Service mariners.



Third Mate Nicholaus Pehr is in the white flight vest, Chief Mate Tamara Becker was HCO (*in tower*), Third Mate Noah Barto was Fire Team 1 Leader, and Second Mate Elizabeth Livi was keeping the ship in the H-60's wind envelope, navigating and collision avoidance on bridge.

"The crew did an excellent job," said *USNS Sisler's* Master Wilbur J. Dahn III. "Depending on the area and timing, the vessel is capable of supporting most training evolutions."

MM&P Members Step Into New Roles

Four longtime MM&P members have recently assumed new roles in the organization. Their brief biographies appear below. MM&P appreciates their experience, their energy, and their commitment to serving their fellow union members.



Antonio Amalfitano **UIG-PMR Southern California Regional Representative**

Antonio Amalfitano, a member of the United Inland Group, is the new Regional Representative for Southern California. Born and raised in San Pedro, Calif., he worked on his father's commercial fishing boat before moving on to tugboats, towboats, oil supply vessels, and polar tankers. He joined MM&P in 2005 as a Foss tankerman, serving as shop steward and then UIG Representative. He is a first generation American, the descendant of a long line of fishermen who still ply their trade on Italy's Amalfi Coast. "Saltwater goes deep in our veins," he says.



Kip Carlson **Vice President, Pilot Membership Group**

Kip Carlson, a 1968 graduate of California Maritime Academy, sailed in all licensed positions, from Third Mate to Master. He worked on tugs, tour boats, and launches in San Francisco Bay and then sailed as a San Francisco Bar Pilot from 1988 to 2020. He became the MM&P Pilot Membership Group West Coast Regional Representative in January 2005, and was appointed by the General Executive Board to serve as Pilot Trustee on the MM&P Health & Benefit Plan in November 2001.



Chelsea Patterson **MM&P Women's Caucus Committee East Coast Liaison**

Chelsea Patterson, a 2014 graduate of Kings Point, worked for a private tanker company before joining MM&P in 2018. She has night-mated since 2020 as a way to stay involved in the maritime industry while raising her children, Harlie Wild and Keegan Danger. Born and raised in Brooklyn, she currently lives in New Jersey. In her free time, she bartends at an Irish Pub named Celtic Corner, and runs a small, organic simple syrup business called Tiny's Potions.



Anthony Turzio **Staten Island Ferry City Representative**

A decorated Navy combat veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, Anthony Turzio recently celebrated 18 years with the Staten Island Ferry system, where he works as a deckhand-safety officer. He has two children, son Jack (13 years old) and daughter Aria (10 years old). He married his wife Elaine 22 years ago when he came home from Operation Iraqi Freedom. He attended Staten Island College and Empire State University, graduating with a degree in American History and Business (labor relations).

MM&P Mourns George Quick, an Unwavering Advocate for Seafarers' Rights

The world's mariners lost a powerful advocate with the passing of longtime MM&P Pilot Membership Group Vice President George Quick. A brilliant thinker with an unparalleled knowledge of maritime law and the international regulatory regime that governs the living and working conditions of seafarers, he died at his home in Jarrettsville, Md., on July 11, at the age of 93.

"Captain George Quick set an example for all of us and leaves a legacy of achievement that won't be forgotten," said MM&P President Don Marcus. "He was a wonderful person, a friend of seafarers, and a brilliant leader. Within MM&P, the Association of Maryland Pilots, the American Pilots' Association and the International Maritime Organization, his contributions to the wellbeing of mariners have been unmatched."

A graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point and the University of Baltimore Law School, Quick sailed as a licensed deck officer on passenger and cargo ships. He entered the Association of Maryland Pilots training program in 1956 and then began sailing as a licensed Maryland pilot, a career he pursued for decades alongside a range of representational activities that took him across the United States and later all over the world.

He served as president of the Association of Maryland Pilots from 1969 to 1983, and as vice president of the American Pilots' Association from 1972 to 1986. He was president of the Port of Baltimore Maritime Exchange and a member of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Maryland Pilots. In 1970, he joined with other professional pilots to form the International Maritime Pilots' Association, an organization that today represents over 8,200 pilots in 53 countries.

He was elected vice president of the MM&P Pilot Membership Group for the first time in 1982. He was reelected numerous times to lead the MM&P Pilot Membership Group, serving in that role for more than four decades. He retired from active piloting in 2001, after a distinguished 40-year career.



His work on behalf of mariners took him all over the world. Everywhere he went, he inspired trust and engendered respect.

He was a brilliant thinker and strategist, with an unparalleled knowledge of the maritime industry.

Quick testified at hearings and official proceedings before boards, commissions, and legislative committees. An avid mentor and a gifted teacher, he also developed and taught courses at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies.

He was an extrovert, open to professional relationships and long-lasting friendships with many of those he encountered in the course of his work. Everywhere he went, he inspired trust and engendered respect.

At the International Maritime Organization, the London-based United Nations Organization with the responsibility for the regulation of shipping, he represented the International Maritime Pilots' Association and later the International Transport Workers' Federation.



He served as Vice President of the MM&P Pilot Membership Group for more than four decades, working alongside Tim Ferrie, Richard Moore and numerous other professional pilots to advocate for the interests of the group.

In February 2023, he was recognized by the International Maritime Organization for five decades of service to the international maritime community: standing before a packed auditorium, IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim praised his achievements, his commitment, and his drive.

“Since his first meeting nearly 50 years ago, Captain Quick has substantially contributed to the drafting and amendment of many IMO instruments, resolutions, and other standards that have contributed directly to the safe and environmentally responsible operation of world shipping and the welfare of seafarers around the globe,” Lim said.

“While his contributions to the work of this Organization have been substantive and substantial and cannot be overstated, his personal impacts on countless delegates, both past and present, represent his real legacy. He has been a mentor and role model to so many women and men who will continue to carry forward the important work of the Organization.”

“Captain Quick has made the Organization better and more effective, and he has helped to ensure its future is in good hands.”

Among many professional honors, Quick was chosen as a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and received lifetime achievement awards from the American Pilots’ Association, the Admiral of the Ocean Seas Committee, Safety at Sea and numerous national marine societies.

He represented the International Transport Workers’ Federation at IMO meetings for decades.

“Over many years, he has been an unwavering advocate for seafarers’ rights,” Lim said. “Since his first meeting nearly 50 years ago, Captain Quick has attended well over 100 IMO meetings, where he has substantially contributed to the drafting and amendment of many IMO instruments, resolutions, and other standards that have contributed directly to the safe and environmentally responsible operation of world shipping and the welfare of seafarers around the globe.”

“In short, Captain Quick has made the Organization better and more effective, and he has helped to ensure its future is in good hands.”



“He set an example for all of us and leaves a legacy that won’t be forgotten,” said MM&P President Don Marcus.



In London with Ake Selander for IMO meetings.



Quick is shown here with members of the ITF delegation to the IMO. During his 50 years working with the organization, he contributed to the drafting of numerous instruments and resolutions that improved the lives of the world’s mariners.

BECK NOTICE

Notice to All Union and Non-Union Members Regarding Their Rights Under NLRB v. General Motors and CWA v. Beck

This notice applies to all current and future members of any unit represented by the union that is covered by a union security clause in its collective bargaining agreement. In the case of NLRB v. General Motors, members of a collective bargaining unit subject to a valid union security clause have the right to renounce full membership in the union and to instead become “financial core members,” or “FCM.”

FCMs do not have the right to vote, nominate for office, hold office or be a candidate for office in the union, nor can they participate in or even attend union meetings or any functions of the union that are limited to union members. In addition, FCMs have no right to vote on dues increases or on contracts submitted to the membership for ratification. These rights and privileges of union membership are accorded only to full union members.

Beyond these traditional rights of union membership, MM&P members and their families also enjoy an array of member-only benefits which, depending on membership group, include one or more of the following: Members’ Welfare Fund; Disaster Relief Fund; credit union eligibility; low-rate Union Plus credit card; Coast Guard Legal Aid program; license insurance program; access to the AFL-CIO Community Services Network, which includes family counseling, social services and food banks; support of numerous local and state labor alliances which have aided MM&P members during contract negotiations, demonstrations and job actions.

FCMs are not afforded these rights and privileges of union membership.

Please note, however, that under the case of CWA v. Beck, FCMs are still legally required to pay the union periodic dues and fees for the costs related to collective bargaining, contract administration, grievance adjustment and other activities reasonably related to the effectuation of the union’s representational duties (hereinafter called “chargeable activities”). Union expenditures for nonrepresentational activities, such as political activities and lobbying (hereinafter called “non-chargeable activities”)—activities which most workers know help build a better climate for us all in bargaining with employers and in securing fundamental workers’ rights—cannot be charged to FCMs who file timely objections.

In calendar year 2022 (the most current year for which audited information is available), we have confirmed that no more than 6.48 percent of all MM&P expenditures were for non-chargeable activities. Please note that a significant portion of these non-chargeable expenditures were for activities aimed at maintaining and improving working conditions and benefits for all who work in our industry.

The union has adopted a Policy and Procedure Concerning “Financial Core Membership” Under NLRB v. General Motors and Communication Workers of America v. Beck (hereinafter called “the

Policy”), copies of which will be provided upon request or upon filing of objections regarding payment of non-chargeable expenses. Under the Policy, an employee in a bargaining unit represented by the union who is subject to a union security clause may opt-out of full union membership, and thus become an FCM, by submitting a written statement that includes the employee’s name, address, Social Security number, the name of the employer and a signed/dated declaration asserting that the employee desires to become an FCM. The statement must be addressed to the International Secretary-Treasurer at 700 Maritime Boulevard, Suite B, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090-1953.

Also under the Policy, an FCM has the right to object to the expenditure of his or her dues and fees paid to the union on non-representational activities. An FCM may file the objection by submitting a written statement that includes the FCM’s name, address, Social Security number, the name of the employer and a signed/dated declaration asserting that the FCM desires that his or her dues and fees be reduced to the representational expenditures’ proportional amount. The statement must be addressed to the International Secretary-Treasurer at 700 Maritime Boulevard, Suite B, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090-1953. Only FCMs may file objections to paying for non-chargeable expenditures. Under the Policy, union members whose membership becomes temporarily suspended because of delinquency in their dues payments, or for other reasons, are not considered FCMs and will continue to be charged full dues and fees, absent compliance with the opting-out procedure. Also under the Policy, objections will not be presumed from compliance with the opting-out procedure. Thus, FCMs who wish to become objecting FCMs must comply with the objection procedure set forth above. Finally, under the Policy, an FCM who obtains a reduction in dues and fees after filing objections under the Policy will be required to pay the difference between full dues and fees and the reduced amount for the period during which the reduction was granted before the FCM is allowed to join/re-join the union.

We must underscore that bargaining-unit employees who become FCMs lose all rights and benefits of union membership while they continue to be legally obligated to pay chargeable dues and fees to the union under existing union security agreements.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the vast majority of workers believe that the extremely small portion of dues needed to maintain full union membership and enjoy all its valuable benefits is quite a bargain. We trust that everyone who carefully considers the options will become and remain a full member of the union. If you are not a union member or have not yet had the opportunity to join, please contact MM&P International Headquarters or any MM&P membership group office for a membership application.

MM&P WOMEN'S CAUCUS COMMITTEE



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Women's Caucus WarmLine



**ANYONE MAY CALL THE WARMLINE
THE WARMLINE IS AVAILABLE 24/7**

WHO WILL ANSWER YOUR CALL?

Melany Skippen (Port Agent, Pacific Ports, Offshore Division)
Chelsea Patterson (Women's Caucus Committee East Coast Liason)

HOW WE CAN HELP:



We are not professional counselors, but we can get you resources or direct you to the correct people.

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Masters, Mates & Pilots Plans



Administrator's Column

PATRICK MCCULLOUGH

Schedule of Meetings

The second Trustee meeting for 2023 took place June 6-7, 2023, in person, at MITAGS. I will summarize some of the actions taken by the Trustees at the meeting.

Health & Benefit Plan Important Reminders

Please contact an MM&P Health & Benefit Plan advisor if:

- your address has changed;
- you have been legally separated or divorced; or
- your spouse is working and is now covered by that employer's health benefit program.

And please remember:

- report any accidents aboard ship to the Plan Office;
- once you retire and become eligible for Medicare Part B, you must submit a copy of your Medicare card to the Plan Office;
- dependent children over the age of 19 must complete the Adult 19-26 form, and return it to the Plan Office to be covered under the Health & Benefit Plan.

Scholarship Program

The Chairman and Secretary approved the four MM&P Offshore scholarship awards for the year. The winners are:

Bradley Morlett – son of Jaimie Morlett

Reigne Wild – daughter of Tony Wild*

Taylor Walker – daughter of Erik Walker

Savannah Sargeant – daughter of Robert Sargeant*

*Co-Pay Pensioner

We will profile the winners in an upcoming issue of The Master, Mate & Pilot. Under the provisions of the Plan, International Scholarship & Tuition Services Inc. in Nashville, Tenn., reviews all applications submitted by sons and daughters of eligible Offshore members/co-pay pensioners and selects the winners and alternates.

2024-2025 Offshore Scholarship Applications

Eligible dependent children of eligible Offshore members and co-pay pensioners in good standing are reminded to request an application for the scholarship program. Applicants must be high school seniors during the 2024-2025 school year. Completed applications must be returned to the Plan Office by Nov. 30, 2023. For more information, please contact Madeline Petrelli at the Plan Office at 410-850-8615 or mpetrelli@mmppplans.com

Federal Medicare Program

Applying for Medicare When You Turn Age 65

For a number of years, the Plan Office has been providing a notice to participants and dependents turning age 65 about the need to apply for Medicare even if they are still actually working.

It is very important that you enroll in Medicare because if you are age 65 or older, retired and do not have Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B, Plan rules will only allow us to reimburse your claims at 20 percent of the Allowable Expense.

A Quick Guide to Medicare

A few years ago, the Plan Office printed a "Quick Guide to Medicare." Because some time has elapsed since it was last printed, we felt it would be useful to have it updated as of 2022 and reprinted for your review. Please remember that once you retire and become eligible for Medicare, you must submit a copy of your Medicare Card to the Plan Office.

Understanding Medicare

There are four types of Medicare coverage. Medicare Part A covers hospital services. Medicare Part B covers medical, physician, laboratory and other services. Part C consists of Medicare Advantage Plans, like HMOs and PPOs*. Part D provides Medicare prescription drug coverage.

*For more information on Part C Medicare Advantage Plans, visit the Medicare website at [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) or call Medicare at 1-800-medicare (1-800-633-4227).

How to Enroll

If you already receive Social Security benefits, you should check with Social Security if you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B effective the month you turn 65. For example, if your 65th birthday was Feb. 20, 2022, your Medicare effective date would be Feb. 1, 2022.

(Note: If your birthday is on the first day of any month, Medicare Part A and Part B would be effective the first day of the prior month. For example, if your 65th birthday was Feb. 1, 2022, your Medicare effective date would be Jan. 1, 2022.)

Your Medicare card will be mailed to you about three months before your 65th birthday. If you do not want Medicare Part B coverage, follow the instructions that come with the card.

If you are close to age 65 and are not receiving Social Security benefits, you must apply for Medicare. You can apply by visiting your local Social Security office or by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

You are eligible to enroll in Medicare Part A when you turn 65. There is no cost for Part A coverage as long as you have worked and paid Medicare taxes for at least 10 years.

It doesn't matter if you are working or retired; you should still sign up for Medicare Part A when you are close to age 65.

Medicare Part B covers medical, lab, outpatient treatment, home care and other ancillary services. There is a cost of \$170.10 per month (2022 premium) for Part B. (Most pensioners will pay the standard premium. Some pensioners may pay a higher premium based on their income.)

The three occasions when you can enroll are as follows:

1. Initial Enrollment Period

If you already are retired and neither you nor your spouse is working, your Initial Enrollment Period begins three months before you turn 65 and ends three months after the month you turn 65. Sign up for Medicare Part A and Part B three months before your 65th birthday because the start date for Medicare Part B may be delayed if you wait either until you turn 65 or until the last three months of your Initial Enrollment Period.

2. General Enrollment Period

If you miss the Initial Enrollment Period, you are eligible to file for Medicare during the General Enrollment Period, which runs from Jan. 1 through March 31 of each year. Medicare Part B coverage starts on July 1 of the year in which you sign up.

If you are not working and you fail to sign up for Medicare Part B during the Initial Enrollment Period, the cost of Medicare Part B will increase by 10 percent for each 12-month period in which you could have had Medicare Part B coverage but did not apply for it, except under special circumstances.

One example of a special circumstance would be if you are working full time at age 65 and have benefits through a health and benefit plan or your working spouse's employer. (Contact your Social Security office for a list of other special circumstances.)

3. Special Enrollment Period

The Special Enrollment Period is an option if you are eligible for Medicare and waited to enroll in Medicare Part B because you were still working and covered by the Plan or your spouse was still working and was covered by another plan. If this applies to you, you can sign up for Medicare Part B any time while you are still covered by an employer or union group health plan through either your own or your spouse's current employment.

You can also sign up during the eight months following the month that your employer or union group health plan coverage ends, or when the employment ends (whichever is earlier). It is better, however, to sign up as soon as you decide to retire and know when your coverage will end so you won't have a delay in the start of Medicare Part B.

If you are age 65 and still working enough hours to maintain benefits through the Plan, or your spouse is still working and is covered under his or her employer's group health plan, you should talk to a Social Security representative about when it would be best to sign up for Medicare Part B. Then you should advise the Plan Office of your decision.

Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

The Plan's Prescription Drug Program is comparable to the coverage offered by the Medicare Part D Program. Medicare-eligible Offshore pensioners do not need to opt for the Medicare Part D Program, and if for any reason they drop coverage with the MM&P Health & Benefit Plan in the future, they would be able to apply for Medicare Part D coverage without any penalty. To opt out of the Medicare Part D Program, Offshore pensioners do not have to take any specific action.

Because the MM&P Health & Benefit Plan provides "creditable coverage," the Plan can receive a subsidy for a percentage of the prescription drug cost incurred by Medicare-eligible Offshore pensioners. To obtain the subsidy, each year, the Plan files an application with the Center for Medicare Services (CMS).

The Plan receives subsidies for about 28 percent of what it spends on retirees' prescription drugs, as long as the retiree does not sign up for Medicare Part D. If an Offshore pensioner or dependent does sign up for Medicare Part D, the Plan is not allowed to receive the subsidy for that retiree or dependent, even if she/he continues to use the Plan's prescription drug benefit coverage.

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Medicare has an excellent website which can be accessed at www.medicare.gov. You can also call Medicare at 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227).

Pension Plan – Adjustable Pension Plan

Annual Funding Notice

As required by federal law, at the end of April 2023, the Plan mailed the Annual Funding Notice for Plan Year Jan. 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2022 to: all participants and beneficiaries; participating employers; and the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots. The notice was also e-mailed to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC).

In the notice, the Plan is required to report how well funded it is on the basis of what is called the “funded percentage.” The percentage is calculated by dividing the Plan’s assets by its liabilities as of the Valuation Date for the Plan Year.

The notice is required to include the Plan’s funded percentage for the Plan Year and for each of the two preceding Plan Years. The notice also includes the year-end Fair Market Value of Assets as of the last day of the Plan Year and each of the two preceding Plan Years. The notice includes the total number of participants in the Plan and a breakdown of how many were active, retired or separated from service and receiving benefits, as well as how many participants are separated from service and entitled to future benefits.

The last chart on the notice shows how the Plan’s assets were allocated in accordance with the Plan’s investment policy. The chart shows allocation as percentages of total assets.

MM&P members can view a copy of the Annual Funding Notice in PDF format by going to www.bridgedeck.org and entering the Members’ Only pages. (You must have an account to log in.) Scroll down to “Plans Documents,” click on these words, then scroll down to “MM&P Offshore Pension Plan,” then click on “Offshore Pension Plan Annual Funding Notice for the year 2022, mailed in April 2023.” Also posted for your reference are prior year notices.

Annual Verification of Pensioner Benefits

To safeguard pension benefits for all participants and their qualified spouses, as they have over the past few years, the Trustees require all pensioners to verify, on an annual basis, that they have received their pension benefits for the previous year.

Please be advised that the Plan needs to receive this form properly completed by the individuals who have not returned their form. Their pension benefit payment has been held since **JULY**. We have withheld that benefit payment, and all future payments, until

the properly completed form is received. If you have any questions, please contact the Plan Office benefit advisor at 410-850-8625 or 410-850-8636.

As this article is being written, for the plan year 2023, there are 18 individuals who have not returned their form.

Pension Plan Missing Participants

The Plan has been trying to get in touch with the following participants, and they have not responded to the Plan.

2020 Annual Pension Confirmation Forms Needed for Plan Year 2019

John Moralis
Dolores Hoffman

2022 Annual Pension Confirmation Forms Needed for Plan Year 2021

Franklin Davis	Michael Mullins*
Ray Friis*	Julius Perkins
Joanne Gray*	William Skagen*
Ruby Weimer	Susan Vanhorne*
Richard Mercer*	

*These individuals were merged into the Pension Plan from the Northwest Marine Retirement Trust Plan.

2023 Annual Pension Confirmation Forms Needed for Plan Year 2022

Jerry Androes*	Dennis Lozeau*
Marlinda Atkinson	Mamie Markle*
Martin Collins	Matthew McNerney
Barbara Curtiss*	Cesar Montes
Betty Ferguson	Steven Morgan*
Xinia Fillare	Julio Santana
Bruce Griggs*	Rosalind Utterback*
Andra Johnston	Constantinos Vafiades
Louis Jones*	Asteria Zambrano

Earnings Limitation for Pensioners and Spouses Under 65 for the 2023 Calendar Year

I would like to remind pensioners and spouses under age 65 about the MM&P Health Plan Earnings Limitation for calendar year 2023. In December 2022, the Plan mailed an earnings letter to all affected participants and dependents with an affidavit that must be returned to the Plan Office. If you have not yet returned the affidavit, it is advised that you complete and return it as soon as possible.

Plan Amendments

AMENDMENT NO. 160 TO THE M.M.& P. HEALTH AND BENEFIT PLAN RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective March 8, 2023, the following provisions of the Rules and Regulations are amended as follows:

1. **Article III (Eligibility), Section 6 (United Inland Group Pacific Maritime Region Employees), subsection C (Retirees) shall be amended by adding a new paragraph 3 as follows:**
3. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof to the contrary, an Eligible Employee who was employed with Blue and Gold Fleet Ferries as of the start date of the COVID-19 National Emergency, who has at least 24 years of service, and is at least 61 years of age as of the date of layoff, and was laid off by Blue and Gold Fleet Ferries due to the unavailability of Covered Employment because of the COVID-19 National Emergency, and who, following such layoff, elected and paid for COBRA Continuation Coverage through the entire period applicable to such Eligible Employee, and who, but for such layoff and election of COBRA coverage, would have otherwise been eligible for coverage under Article III, Sections 2 or 6 of this Plan, shall be afforded the opportunity to continue coverage for health benefits under this subsection C for themselves and their eligible Dependents by paying to the Plan the appropriate costs for such coverage, as determined by the Plan's actuary, in accordance with rules established by the Trustees, beginning on the date that follows the date that such Eligible Employee's COBRA Continuation Coverage ends.
2. **Article III (Eligibility), Section 8 (Continuation of Coverage for Pensioners) shall be amended by replacing all references to "June 30, 2023" with "June 30, 2024."**
3. **The second paragraph of Article IV (Benefit Provisions), Part L (Scholarship Program), Section 5 (Amount of Scholarship) is deleted and replaced with the following:**

The award shall be renewable September 1 of each year until the earlier of completion of: (a) the four (4) year program or until the requirements for a Bachelor's Degree have been met (b) the

two (2) year program or until the requirements for an Associate's Degree have been met, or (c) the two (2) year program and an additional two (2) years of a four (4) year program, with a maximum of four years of awards have been met, provided the student maintains the required scholastic standards in the judgment of college officials and the Scholarship Committee and provided he or she continues to be an eligible Dependent.

4. **Article IV (Benefit Provisions), Part L (Scholarship Program), Section 7 (Selection of Colleges) is amended as follows:**

The recipient of a scholarship award must attend: (a) an accredited college or university granting a 4-year or equivalent degree, (b) an accredited college or university granting a 2-year or equivalent degree, or (c) a combination of (a) and (b), which does not permit discrimination based on sex, race, creed, color or national origin in its overall enrollment policy, enrollment for any part of its curriculum, or the use of any of its facilities.

5. **The third paragraph of Article IV (Benefit Provisions), Part L (Scholarship Program), Section 8 (Selection of Colleges) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:**

Each scholarship winner who maintains the required personal and scholastic standards is assured the opportunity to continue his or her studies under the Scholarship Program until the earlier of: (a) completion of the 4-year program or until the requirements for a Bachelor's Degree have been met, (b) completion of the 2-year program or until the requirements for an Associate's Degree have been met, or (c) completion of the 2-year program and completion of an additional 2 years at a 4- year program (for a maximum of four years or until the requirements for a Bachelor's Degree have been met), or until his status as an eligible Dependent under this Plan ceases.

PENSIONERS

Owen B. Albert, shipping out of East Coast ports. He last sailed for American President Lines as third mate aboard the *APL President Wilson*.

Jerry E. Mastricola, shipping out of West Coast ports. He last sailed for American President Lines as third mate aboard the *APL President Cleveland*.

Brian S. McNamara, shipping out of East Coast ports. He last sailed for Matson Navigation as master of the *Daniel K. Inouye*.

Francis R. Morton, shipping out of East Coast ports. He last sailed for Waterman Steamship Company as master of the *Robert E. Lee*.



Harvey Smith, shipping out of West Coast ports. He last sailed for Pasha as third mate aboard the *Sunrise Horizon Spirit*. Harvey would like to remind his fellow MM&P members that, “your whole life can change in a second, and you never even know when it’s coming.” He also thanks those who helped him with his yardwork when he couldn’t walk.

Greg Sugden retired after 44 years at Washington State Ferries where he worked as captain on all vessel classes, on all routes. Greg shared that he was “on the team that developed and introduced the WSF SMS; wrote most of the vessel and route specific manuals; worked with the training department on FAST manual update and in the annual crew training; was assistant construction master on Jumbo Mark-II-class vessels and construction master on Olympic class vessels; was responsible for the vessel delivery, sea trials and crew training.” Greg served two terms as a delegate. He also served on the MM&P WSF negotiating committee.



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Niels Baadsgaard, 89, May 21. A resident of Skive, Denmark, and a pensioner since 1994, he last sailed for Sealand Services aboard the *Sealand Value*.



served as Grand Lodge President in 2006. Survivors include his wife Sandra, brothers Allan and David, sister-in-law Doreen, brother Robert and wife Rosie Cyr, several nieces, nephews, and great nieces.

Ronald L. Brezinski, 76, June 10. A resident of Amherst, Ohio, he retired in 2013 as a captain with Grand River Navigation. A third-generation sailor on his dad's side and a second-generation sailor on his mother's side, he spent his life on the water, starting out as a deckhand in 1973. He was a long-time member of the fraternal International Shipmasters' Association and



reopening of the harbor. He received a Meritorious Service Medal, a Navy Commendation Medal, and the Legion of Merit. He retired from the Navy Reserve as a captain. After retiring, he volunteered aboard the Liberty Ship *SS Jeremiah O'Brien* and was a member of its Board of Directors. His many interests included the Sons of the Revolution, scuba diving, rod and gun club activities, and poker. He obtained Irish citizenship and loved visiting there. He and his wife Betty were volunteer puppy raisers and longtime supporters of Guide Dogs for the Blind. His greatest passion was the sea and the love he had for his family. He is survived by numerous family members.

Patrick Buttner, 88, June 29. A resident of Petaluma, Calif., he worked as a San Francisco Bar Pilot from 1979 to 1999. Before becoming a pilot, he sailed with Maritime Overseas Corporation as master of the *Overseas Juneau*. He was deployed by the U.S. Navy during Operation Restore Hope to supervise pilot relief vessels in the Port of Mogadishu, Somalia, and the

Juan Carvajal, 82, May 29. A resident of Forest, Va., and a pensioner since 2003, he last sailed for Waterman Steamship aboard the *MV Atlantic Forest*. Born in Valladolid, Mexico, he taught himself English, math, and nautical logistics to gain legal entry into the United States. He was accepted into the Maritime Institute of Graduate Studies and became a second mate with MM&P. He enjoyed bringing languages, stories, and keepsakes home from his travels. He faced adversity "with courage, humor and an indefatigable strength that will be fondly remembered." Survivors include his children Juan, Ruby, William, Roxanne, Joseph and his wife Leticia, and Edwin and his wife Kristi; his sisters Imelda, Teresa, and Felisa; his brother Remigio; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Robert L. Crawford, 69, June 24. A resident of Ontario, Ohio, and a pensioner since 2004, he last sailed for United States Ship Management aboard the *Sealand Achiever*.

Mohamed El-Mobdy, 50, Nov. 11, 2022. A resident of Olympia, Wash., he last sailed for Patriot Contract Services aboard the *USNS Red Cloud*.



the *SS Lurline* rescued Lt. Cmdr. Gary Haggstrom from the ocean where he had parachuted to rescue two downed Navy pilots. Fred received awards for both rescues from the Women's Propeller Club of San Francisco. He served in the Navy Reserve. He had a lifelong love of animals. He enjoyed classical music, entomology, bicycling, tinkering, reading, attending Trinity Lutheran Church in San Rafael, Calif., and spending time at home with his family. For more than 40 years, he and his family served Marin's homeless community through Homeward Bound. He is survived by Yolanda, his wife of 61 years, sons Matthew and Carl, daughter Elizabeth, cousins, and his nephew and family.

Frederick Groepler, 93, Jan. 19. A resident of Kentfield, Calif., and a pensioner since 1994, he sailed for Matson Navigation for 28 years, a career that included transporting military cargo and equipment during the Vietnam War. While sailing as chief mate aboard the *SS St. Augustine Victory*, he participated in the rescue of a group of Chinese seamen from a burning merchant vessel. Later in his career, he and the crew of



Glen H. Hinckley, 74, April 25. A resident of Wentworth, N.H., and a pensioner since 2004, he last sailed for United States Ship Management as master of the *Sealand Defender*. He loved playing golf, hunting, fishing, landscaping, gardening, traveling, and reading. He is survived by Dee, his wife of 42 years, sons Dan and Ryan; sisters Mary Mladinich and Dale Rice, and her husband Michael, in-laws, nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.



Leroy H. Koontz, 95, June 3. A resident of Westminster, Md., and a pensioner since 1992, he last sailed for American Heavylift as master of the *King*. He is survived by his wife Edith, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

William R. Kosonen, 65, March 11. A resident of Weymouth, Mass., he started out as a chef, honing his culinary skills at fine restaurants in Boston. Later, he decided to spend his working life on the water, following in the footsteps of his father, Harroll Kosonen, an MM&P member who sailed on tankers. Bill started out in the commercial fishing industry and then went on to work at Moran and at Poling and Cutler, where he was a tugboat captain. A member of ILA Local 333, he joined the MM&P Atlantic Maritime Group when the two unions merged. After his retirement, he worked for a time for Friends of the Homeless in Norwell, Mass. He

enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, vacationing in Maine with his wife Peggy, cooking, and playing golf. He was very handy and could fix or build almost anything, his friends said. As he got older, religion assumed an ever-more-important role in his life. He is survived by his wife Peggy, stepson Dan Griffin and his wife Jenna, brother John, sister Karyl, grandchildren Max, Maeve and Liam, nieces, and nephews.



Luigi Lomoriello, 84, May 3. A resident of Ormond Beach, Fla., and a pensioner since 1999, he last sailed for Sealand Services aboard the *Sealand Challenger*. Lou is survived by Isilda, his wife of 56 years, his daughter Cameo, son Jason, and grandchildren Nicholas, Felipe, Anna, and Joaquim.



Dwight L. Moyer Jr., 84, April 7. A resident of Ashland, Pa., and a pensioner since 2007, he last sailed for Maersk Lines Limited aboard the *Maersk Arkansas*. In his early years, he enjoyed flying his plane and sailing his yacht. He served on the Ashland Area Historic Preservation Society Board of Directors and was a member of Ashland American Legion Post 434. He is survived by his son Arthur and grandson Alexander.



John W. Roggio, 98, May 16. A resident of Stroudsburg, Pa., and a pensioner since 1987, he last sailed for United States Lines aboard the *American Trojan*. He served in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed golfing and fishing. Survivors include his wife of almost 50 years, Soon, sons Raymond and Ross, and six grandchildren.



Paul D. Rooney, 87, June 29. A resident of Jupiter, Fla., and a pensioner since 1997, he last sailed for Sealand Services aboard the *Sealand Reliance*. Prior to graduating from Maine Maritime Academy in 1961, he served four years as an enlisted man in the U.S. Coast Guard on the Coast Guard Cutter *Acushnet* out of Portland, Maine. He sailed in all capacities with MM&P, rising to the rank of master in 1976. He sailed with

Farrell Lines for 17 years, then United States Lines, and Sealand Services. He was a longtime member of the Council of American Master Mariners. He is survived by his daughters Michelle and Laura, and grandchildren Darby and Jake.

Lance Torrensén, who died recently in his home country, Norway, represented the members of ILA Local 333, which became the MM&P Atlantic Maritime Group when the two unions merged. "Lance was a stand-up guy who always supported his union brothers," said MM&P Atlantic Maritime Group Vice President Mike Riordan. "He had a deep baritone voice, and when he spoke, people stopped to listen." In the summer, he led a traveling oompah band that played at county fairs in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Dakotas. After retiring from a career that included work on ferries, tugs, and barges in New York Harbor, he returned to Norway where he ran a fish factory and a brewery. "Lance led a full and rewarding life and will always be remembered with respect and affection by the union brothers who benefited from his representation," Riordan said.



Adam Torres, 99, May 26. A resident of Plantation, Fla., and a pensioner since 1989, he last sailed for Puerto Rico Marine Management as master of the *Nuevo San Juan*. He is remembered as a "unique and rare man, an anchor—someone who projected strength and determination. Someone you could count on in good times and bad. Self-made, hard-working, devoted to his family, and above all, honorable. He was not a big talker, but when he did speak, he spoke the truth and he meant it. He was worthy of respect and admiration and will truly be missed." Survivors include his wife Carmen, daughter Linda, son Anthony, sister Dolores, brother John, grandchildren Jamie, Michael, and Ronald, and four great-grandchildren.



Jay Tripaldi, 76, Aug. 2. A resident of Valley Cottage, N.Y., he last sailed for E-Ships aboard the *Enterprise*. "An old salt, a New Yorker through and through and, at times, a curmudgeon of the first order, Jay got his start during the Viet Nam War," said MM&P President Don Marcus. "He plied his trade for forty years before coming ashore to serve as dispatcher and then regional representative in the union's NY/NJ Hall. Jay held court in NY/NJ for over ten years. He held many strong opinions and was not shy about expressing them, but no one doubted that his loyalties lay with MM&P. His satisfaction came from helping our members ship out and advance their careers. Our NY/NJ Hall will not be the same after his passing."

Thomas Williamson, 82, March 3. A resident of Jacksonville, Fla., and a pensioner since 1998, he was an employee of Florida Towing.