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91st MM&P Convention Will Expand Our Campaign

In two weeks, MM&P will hold its 91st Convention, where elected delegates from every division of our Union will gather to share information, establish policy and set the direction of MM&P. Conventions are the Union's highest governing body and reflects the principle that members themselves decide the future of their organization.

This year's Convention comes at an important time for the deck officers of ATC and OSG.

After we overwhelmingly voted for MM&P representation, the National Labor Relations Board rejected the company's objections and certified our Union. Rather than accept that decision and begin negotiating a first contract, Saltchuk has chosen to continue litigating in federal court. That is disappointing. The NLRB exists because generations of working people fought to establish a fair, independent process for protecting the right to organize and bargain collectively.

The Convention provides an opportunity to expand our campaign beyond the Bargaining Committee. Throughout the week, MM&P will be engaging delegates and members from across the Union through campaign updates, solidarity surveys, volunteer opportunities, and other activities designed to build support for the ATC and OSG organizing effort.

We encourage every deck officer to play a part. Join the ATC/OSG [WhatsApp group](#), participate in the next All-LDO call (to be announced), stay informed, and continue sharing your ideas with your Bargaining Committee. A successful first-contract campaign depends on an active and informed membership, and every member has a role to play.



Get in the conversation and join the
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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

AMERICAN MARINERS PROTEST CHINESE SHIP WORKING IN THE DOMESTIC TRADES

MM&P Captain Armando Dale Rodriguez was among the American mariners who traveled to Garyville, La., on July 9 to protest the arrival at the Marathon Petroleum pier of a Chinese-flag asphalt tanker on a Jones Act waiver voyage.

The vessel, the Jin Zhou Wan, is owned and operated by a subsidiary of COSCO Shipping, which the US Defense Department has designated “a Chinese Military Company.”

Before arriving in Garyville, it had called in Boston, Portland, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Its domestic voyages have been conducted under the Trump administration’s sweeping 150-day Jones Act waiver, which covers more than 600 products.

The most recent Maritime Administration report, dated July 10, shows 162 movements under the waiver, an increase of 17 movements (+11.7), more than double the increase in movements reported two weeks ago and a 70 percent increase over the previous week.

Since the waiver was instituted by President Trump, there has been no showing of necessity for the purpose of national defense nor has there been any evidence of a lowering of gasoline prices on a nation-wide basis, according to the American Maritime Partnership.

MM&P Captain Armando Dale Rodriguez was among the American mariners who stood on the picket line in protest at the Garyville pier when the Chinese vessel docked.

“I feel betrayed by our government,” Rodriguez said.

“They preach that China is stealing our jobs and then they give a waiver.

“It’s very disappointing and disrespectful.”



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MM&P IS HERE TO LISTEN

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