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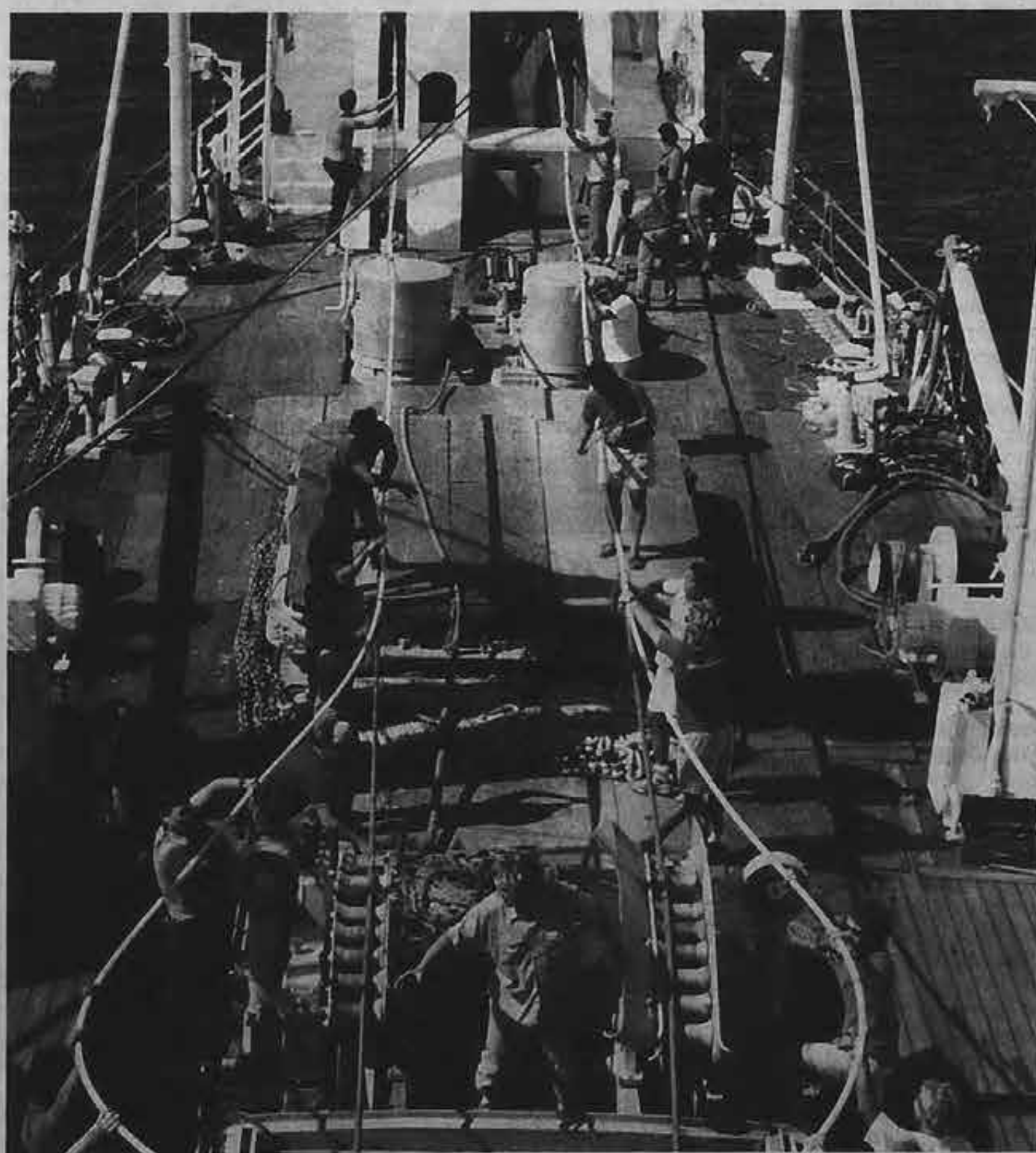
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Elsewhere in this edition Seafarers will read of the union's action in seeking a court order to end the so-called user fee which the U.S. government plans to charge merchant seamen for the issuance and processing of documents and licenses.



Because the U.S. Coast Guard had been assigned the task of working out the details of raising funds through the levying of a fee for so-called services, it is necessary for the union to name the Coast Guard, and the Department of Transportation of which it is a part, in its lawsuit which seeks to block the implementation of a charge to mariners for obtaining their seamen's papers and licenses.

Aside from that legal technicality, it should be clear to all that we have no beef with the Coast Guard directly in this matter. The agency simply is carrying out orders and its staff is doing the best they can with the assignment they got.



Taking Stock of the Candidates

As the 1992 elections fast approach, there are signs that the American people are beginning to take a hard look at what our elected officials—starting with the president—have been able to deliver in recent years. The pollsters are busy sounding out the sentiments of the nation's citizenry and they have found that Americans are looking beyond all the pap and glitz which the administration has been peddling with regard to the state of the economy, the condition of the cities, the quality of the educational system, the adequacy of health care and the rest of the issues which are the basis of our daily lives.

The polls are showing increasingly that Americans are not all that crazy about the job the president has been doing and that the rosy picture the White House has been painting rapidly is crashing down.

For ourselves, we have to take a hard look at each and every elected official. We must survey the field of candidates for every post and view to what extent the aspirants see the role of American shipping in our economy and national security. We are going to have to examine their records in this regard. We have to find out what their attitudes are about the future of the American merchant marine and see if they understand the important contribution American shipping has made to the nation's success as a world power. We also are going to do our utmost to bring to the candidates' attention the importance of U.S. shipping in order to avoid the disastrous course pursued by the Carter, Reagan and Bush administrations in regard to the American maritime industry. Under the previous two administrations and the Bush presidency, we have heard a great deal of talk about so-called free markets, a philosophy which has not kept America very solid.

In each of these administrations, talk was cheap when it came to the American merchant marine but action was hard to come by. We have come to expect little more than platitudes on one day of the year—Maritime Day—from our chief of state. Meanwhile, the American flag is disappearing from the high seas, and the nation's economic strength has been sapped while foreign interests are buying a bigger share of the U.S. pie.

As Seafarers, we always have recognized the importance of securing our interests in the political field. Over the course of the next few months we will be examining the records of those men who are campaigning for the presidency of the United States. We will want to know where they stand as far as our industry is concerned and where they stand on behalf of American working people and their families.



Being the Best

We come to the year's end, and I want to wish all the members of the Seafarers International Union and their families the best for the holiday season and 1992.

And on that note, I want to urge each and every one of our members to upgrade their ratings and improve their skills with the clear purpose of increasing their earning power.

We want to continue to demonstrate that SIU-manned ships are crewed by the best trained and most alert seamen because it is increasingly going to become a more competitive world out there. For example, the seamen from the Soviet Union who had to work cheap under the Communists now will work even cheaper as they move to compete with flag-of-convenience fleets. The world's cheap labor supply will continue to allow vessel operators to run away from decent wages and working conditions.

And as we fight to preserve and enhance the American-flag fleet, expanding its share of cargo transported by water, it is important that we are as efficient and as competitive as we can be from the standpoint of skill and seamanship.

On that note, any Seafarer with the appropriate seetime and other qualifications necessary to upgrade his or her rating should take advantage of the opportunities offered by the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship at the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education in Piney Point, Maryland. I can think of no better New Year's resolution than that we all continue to maintain Seafarers as the best and most qualified seamen on the high seas.

SIU Pensioners Will Get \$500 Year-End Bonus

Eligible SIU pensioners will be receiving a year-end bonus check of \$500 this month. The Seafarers Pension Plan Board of Trustees approved such a payment during a meeting in November after union representatives to the group recommended the special payment.

The one-time extra cash payment will be sent to all Seafarer pensioners who have accrued 4,380 days of service and who have satisfied the requirements for normal, early normal and disability pensions.

The Board of Trustees, composed of representatives from both the SIU and its contracted companies, decided to issue the bonus after a thorough study of the financial condition of the plan by an outside actuary, a financial professional who considers all ele-

ments of any decision a trust fund makes, calculating statistical risk and projecting into the future the ability to pay all obligations.

For the eligible pensioners, the \$500 bonus check will be one of three payments they will receive during the month of December from the Seafarers Pension Plan. The plan traditionally has sent December pension checks at the beginning of the month, while the January pension payments are issued in the middle of December to all pensioners.

More information about the bonus or the pension plan in general may be obtained by contacting any union hall or calling the organization at 1-800-CLAIMS4. Members and pensioners also may write the plan at 5201 Auth Way, Camp Springs, MD 20746.

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SIU Sues to Negate Tax on Seamen

The Seafarers International Union has gone into federal court seeking to knock out a discriminatory tax the government is proposing to impose on merchant seamen. The SIU case, filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia early this month against the U.S. Coast Guard and Samuel Skinner (the head of its

parent agency—the Department of Transportation), is asking for a set-aside of the government's proposed worker tax on American seamen. The tax, which the government refers to as a "user fee," is a charge the Coast Guard intends to levy on seamen and boatmen for their merchant marine documents, certificates of registry and licenses.

In filing the lawsuit, SIU President Michael Sacco said, "The proposed user fee is an abuse of all merchant seamen and we feel it is incumbent on us as a union organization representing their interests to seek a correction of this clear discrimination."

The SIU legal move is in opposition to proposed charges to be levied against seamen when they apply, test for and obtain any Coast-Guard issued document or license. The plan to attach a fee to z-cards and marine licenses came about through a 1990 budget bill passed by Congress and signed into law by the president which mandated that the Coast Guard collect monies for the services the agency renders.

Nothing but a Tax

In its court brief, the SIU pointed out that the user fee is in fact a tax on merchant seamen and boatmen for the privilege of going to work, the sole purpose of which is to raise revenues to reduce the federal budget deficit.

In its plan to make seamen and boatmen pay for the documents and licenses which they are required to have in order to work aboard U.S.-flag vessels, "the Coast Guard considered both merchant seamen's ability to pay for its proposed license and document fees and merchant seamen's annual income in calculating these fees," said the SIU lawsuit.

The SIU brief points out that "an agency cannot consider a service recipient's income or ability to pay for the service in calcu-

lating and assessing a fee for that service, or else the agency's fee is rendered an unconstitutionally imposed tax."

Additionally, the SIU brief states that the manner in which the Coast Guard arrived at the fees it proposes to charge mariners for the so-called cost to the agency of processing and issuing seamen's papers and marine licenses is riddled with inaccuracies, inconsistencies and guesswork.

Based on Flawed Surveys

"In its haste to calculate and subject merchant seamen to the license and document fees, the Coast Guard based its user fee program cost assessment on the results of two dated and facially flawed surveys. . . . (The SIU obtained copies of these studies through a Freedom of Information Act request seeking to determine how the agency had determined the cost of issuing z-cards and licenses.)"

The SIU court papers also demonstrate the inconsistency of the Coast Guard's regulation insofar as matters of public policy are concerned. The brief points out the agency on the one hand considered how the fees would affect merchant mariner rolls and how that would impact on public policy. On the other hand, the agency does not consider "the independent public benefit which merchant mariner seamen licensing and documenting historically has and currently does provide to the public," states the brief.

Revenue Raising Scheme

The proposed fee came about as a result of a move by Congress to balance the federal budget last year in its Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990. In quick and secretive last minute negotiations, Congress included Coast Guard user fees in the budget bill as part of a scheme to offset the nation's huge deficit. The legislation reversed a century-old law which prohibited the government

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AFL-CIO Convention Elects Sacco to Vice Presidency



The AFL-CIO Convention named three new vice presidents and re-elected the federation's president and secretary-treasurer. They are (from left) James J. Norton of the Graphic Communications Union, Secretary-Treasurer Thomas R. Donahue, Michael Sacco of the Seafarers, Jack Otero of the Transportation Communications Union and President Lane Kirkland.

Seafarers International Union President Michael Sacco was elected a vice president of the AFL-CIO during the organization's 19th biennial convention meeting in Detroit last month. The AFL-CIO is made up of 89 autonomous unions with a combined membership of 14 million workers.

The convention delegates re-elected Lane Kirkland to serve another term as the federation's president as well as returning Thomas R. Donahue to the post of secretary-treasurer.

Of the AFL-CIO vice presidents elected at the convention, three were new to the positions. In addition to Sacco, Jack Otero of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement and the Transportation Communications Union and

James J. Norton of the Graphic Communications Union became new AFL-CIO vice presidents. The convention re-elected 30 incumbent vice presidents.

The vacancies on the AFL-CIO Executive Council—which is comprised of the individuals serving as the federation's president, secretary-treasurer and vice presidents—were created by the resignations of three individuals who no longer serve their unions as elected presidents. Traditionally, AFL-CIO vice presidents are heads of their own unions.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council is the federation's highest decision-making body between the organization's biennial conventions. The council holds quarterly meetings in any given year.

CG Rules on Financial Responsibility Will Disrupt Waterborne Commerce, Warns U.S. Shipping Group

The Transportation Institute has warned of dire consequences if the U.S. Coast Guard's rulemaking which sets the terms of financial responsibility certificates required of vessel operators and owners by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) moves forward in its present state. The Institute sounded the alarm in testimony delivered to Congress by Jack Goldstein, president of OMI Corporation, which operates a fleet of dry and liquid bulk carriers.

Speaking before the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Navigation of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee last month, Goldstein, who was accompanied by Transportation Institute President James L. Henry, alerted the Congress to the poten-

tial grave impact the rule—if left as is—could have on the nation's economy, consumers and all industries dependent on raw materials carried by ship or barge.

Goldstein pointed out that the proposed regulation, which was announced in late September in the Federal Register, "could result in serious disruptions in the waterborne transportation of oil and other commodities because vessel owners . . . will not be able to comply with the terms of the rulemaking."

Tough for Independents

Additionally, in its testimony, the Institute, which represents more than 140 U.S.-flag vessel operators engaged in ocean-going, domestic and Great Lakes water-

borne transportation trades and which is dedicated to promoting the American shipping industry, noted that independent operators "will find it particularly difficult to comply with the requirements of the rulemaking if it is adopted as proposed."

Under OPA 90, vessel owners and operators are required to show evidence of being able to pay and pay quickly for the costs associated with an oil spill. To this end, the law requires ship operators and owners to have certificates of financial responsibility.

OPA 90, however, left it to the Coast Guard to fully define those certificates, allowing the agency to determine what constitutes proof that a vessel operator or owner

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MTD Convention Coverage

Delegates from 42 unions along with various port councils throughout the country met in convention under the banner of the AFL-CIO Maritime Trades Department last month. The trade unionists, who represent maritime workers and those employed in marine-related industries, acted on a range of issues which affect working people and their families.

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House Panel Approves U.S.-Flag Shipboard Gambling

A bill to allow gambling aboard U.S.-flag passenger ships passed the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee last month. The legislation has the strong support of the SIU and others in the U.S.-flag shipping industry because, if enacted, the measure could provide sufficient incentive for investment in American-flag passenger ships. The full House of

Representatives is expected to take action on the bill—H.R. 3282—before adjourning for the December recess.

H.R. 3282 would allow U.S.-flag cruise ships to offer regulated gambling on the high seas. Currently, two federal laws (the Gambling Ship Act and the Johnson Act) prevent U.S.-flag cruise vessels from offering gambling. Yet

foreign-flag ships are not subject to the same restrictions, though most of them sail from U.S. ports.

The Bush administration, reversing its previous stance, has said it will support gambling on U.S.-flag cruise ships on legitimate voyages. A vessel would be prohibited from offering gambling unless it went to a foreign port or was on a voyage of more than 24 hours with

food and rooms for all passengers.

During its debate of the bill November 14, the House Merchant Marine Subcommittee opted not to prohibit foreign-flag vessels from offering so-called gambling cruises to nowhere as argued by Representative Gene Taylor (D-Miss.). Presently, these ships leave U.S. ports, open their gambling facilities once the vessel has left U.S. territorial waters and then allow passengers to gamble for several hours before returning to the ports of embarkation.

Americans Main Customers

More than 85 percent of all cruise passengers worldwide are Americans, but only two of the more than 120 deep-draft cruise ships in the world fly the U.S. flag (the SIU-crewed Independence and Constitution). Further, the heart of the world cruise industry is in the U.S.—specifically south Florida, home port for dozens of cruise ships, none of them U.S.-flag vessels.

This problem exists largely because the Gambling Ship Act and the Johnson Act were enacted when transportation was the primary service of passenger ships. The concept of the cruise ship had not yet been developed, and ships which offered gambling on the high seas were little more than casino barges operated to evade state anti-gambling laws.

SIU President Michael Sacco said in a thank-you letter to the 130-plus co-sponsors of H.R. 3282, "Passage of this bill will help promote thousands of new American jobs in shipyards and on board U.S. flag cruise ships." Sacco urged the continued support of this bill.

Senate Vote Stalled on ANWR Oil Exploration

Supporters of a comprehensive energy bill which includes exploratory oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) will continue to press for the legislation after a vote early last month was unable to prevent a filibuster on the legislation.

On November 1, supporters of the bill fell 10 votes short of the 60 needed to stop an announced filibuster.

(A filibuster is when one or more senators refuses to relinquish the floor to keep legislation from being introduced. Unlike the House of Representatives, the Senate permits unlimited debate unless 60 or more senators vote to restrict it, which is called cloture.)

U.S.-flag shipping interests, including the SIU, have been seeking

an opening of ANWR to exploration as the current supply of Alaska North Slope oil is dissipating.

Limited to U.S.

When Senator Bennett Johnston (D-La.), chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, introduced the bill earlier this year, he included ANWR exploration so the oil discovered could raise revenues needed for energy efficiency programs. Environmentalists opposing the bill claimed the country needs to make itself less dependent on oil before considering ANWR exploration. President Bush has announced he would veto any energy bill that did not include ANWR oil.

In Senate Energy Committee action earlier this year, legislators ap-

proved a bill which limits ANWR oil to the domestic market only. This means only U.S.-flag tankers operating under the Jones Act would be eligible to transfer the crude from the Trans-Alaska pipeline to West Coast refineries. (The Jones Act, a 1920 federal law, limits the movement of cargo between two American ports to U.S.-flag vessels only.)

Decrease Dependence

The administration and Congress has been looking at ways to decrease America's foreign oil dependence. Because oil in the Prudhoe Bay fields is being depleted, the elected officials were looking to ANWR oil as a way to cut back on foreign oil as well as fill the void.

The ANWR oil reserve is located beneath the tundra east of the Prudhoe Bay fields in northern Alaska. It is estimated to possess up to 3.6 billion barrels of oil, one of the largest reservoirs in the U.S. A total of 1.5 million acres within the 19 million acre reserve would be used for oil exploration.

While the Senate continues to work on a way to bring the measure to the floor, the House of Representatives is not expected to take any action until the Senate passes its bill.

Nordic Countries Move to Include Maritime in World Trade Talks

With news articles reporting a possible breakthrough in the stalled world trade talks, four Nordic countries have submitted amendments opening their domestic maritime routes to foreign countries—a move which is vigorously opposed by the U.S. shipping community.

Sweden offered the proposal that would affect its own waters as well as those of Finland, Iceland and Norway early in November to remove barriers to shipping.

The SIU along with the U.S.-flag maritime industry strongly has pushed the Bush administration to keep maritime services out of the discussions on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Should the Nordic proposal be accepted, the Jones Act—the 1920 federal law limiting commerce between two U.S. ports to U.S.-flag, U.S.-built vessels—would be endangered. American shipping interests maintain that any tinkering with maritime laws in GATT could create a national security problem as well as threaten existing promotional programs and abolish cargo preference laws.

The trade talks have been stalled for almost a year because the nations of the European Community refused to compromise on agricultural subsidies. However, as the Seafarers LOG goes to press, news reports indicate that an agreement is in the works and talks could be reopened in December.

The present negotiations, known as the Uruguay Round, began in 1986 and were expected to be finished by 1990. GATT was

created in 1948 to end discriminatory trade practices and reduce trade barriers.

The Uruguay Round talks include negotiations on agriculture, financial service, telecommunications and transportation, among others. A total of 102 nations subscribe to GATT.

Freak Storm Hits Lakes



A freak winter storm dumped a record-setting 37 inches of snow in the Duluth, Minn./Superior, Wis. (Twin Ports) area on Halloween weekend, delaying upper Great Lakes traffic for almost 36 hours. No SIU-crewed vessels in the region were damaged by the storm, although some were delayed by 24 hours because of the wind and high seas which reached seven vessels to be caught in the snow, wind and fog. The Walter J. McCarthy was one of several

Bob King, Duluth News-Tribune, Duluth, Minn.

AFL-CIO to Push for Full-Scale Health Care Reform

A full-scale restructuring of the nation's failing health care system was called for by the more than 700 delegates representing 14 million workers in 89 autonomous unions at the AFL-CIO convention, which was held last month in Detroit.

The AFL-CIO resolution adopted by the delegates calls for a new social insurance national health care program. The federation cited the bankruptcy of the current system which fails to provide health care coverage to 37 million Americans and which leaves 40 million others with inadequate medical insurance.

The resolution stated, "The urgency of the health care crisis for consumers and purchasers of care and for those who have fallen

through the cracks in the current system requires us to seek relief now, without compromising our principles, and to support measures that can be enacted." The convention agreed that the reform process was likely to come about in steps.

Additionally, the AFL-CIO called for a reversal of the "misguided economic policies" which gave birth to the current recession. The group traced the root of the problem to the Reagan-Bush administrations' uncaring and irresponsible programs. The AFL-CIO delegates adopted a platform urging cuts in taxes paid by middle class workers and balancing that by raising tax rates on the wealthiest Americans who had gained riches during the Reagan years.



The delegates to the AFL-CIO's 19th biennial convention adopted a platform calling for a strong U.S. shipping capacity.

In addition to adopting a platform, hearing from committees and speakers, the organization elected its officers to serve two-year terms. Lane Kirkland and

Thomas R. Donahue were re-elected respectively to the posts of president and secretary-treasurer. The federation's 33 vice presidents were also elected. Thirty incumbents were returned and three new union officers were selected. Those three included SIU President Michael Sacco, Transportation Communications Union Vice President Jack Otero and James J. Norton, president of the Graphic Communications Union.

The AFL-CIO convention also considered matters related to the nation's trade policy, safety and health laws affecting job sites.



AFL-CIO Pres. Lane Kirkland

The delegates also heard the six Democratic candidates currently seeking the job of president of the United States on what they would do to turn the economy around and to help working Americans.

In support of the maritime sector, the convention called for a reversal of the current decline and enacted a resolution supporting many programs designed to bolster the U.S.-flag fleet, American shipyards and other marine-related industries. The federation also rejected the regressive worker tax disguised as a so-called user fee to be charged to seamen for the issuance of Coast Guard-mandated documents and licenses and urged that any second registry proposals for the American fleet be scuttled.

The convention supported exclusion of maritime services from international trade talks, enforcement of cabotage requirements governing the movement of domestic cargoes and expanded cargo policies to include U.S.-flag requirements within cash assistance foreign aid programs. Enactment of legislation providing for gaming aboard U.S.-flag cruise vessels also was advocated.

Furthermore, the convention asked that the eligibility period for World War II merchant marine veterans be extended to coincide with the expiration date for all Armed Services personnel.

Under Coast Guard Rules on Financial Responsibility Operators Are Caught Between a Rock and a Hard Place

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has sufficient resources to handle oil spill related costs, such as payments for the cleanup and damages to businesses and the environment.

During the hearing, which was called by the chairman of the Coast Guard subcommittee, Rep. Billy Tauzin (D-La.), shipping company representatives outlined the factors which make it impossible to obtain financial responsibility certificates under the proposed Coast Guard rules.

Too Risky for P&I Clubs

The crux of the problem for vessel operators and owners is that the protection and indemnity (P&I) clubs that traditionally have provided marine insurance have concluded they cannot be a source of financial responsibility certificates because the law requires them to agree they can be sued directly for the liability of the insured while waiving all policy defenses they may have against the insured.

The amount of coverage necessary to meet the financial responsibility certificates under OPA, is easily attained in a normal oil pollution liability coverage from P&I clubs. For example, an owner of a large tank barge would have to demonstrate he could come up with \$13 million, a "handy size" tanker would need evidence of being able to meet \$30 million in costs, a VLCC owner would have to show evidence of financial responsibility of around \$100 and a ULCC operator \$250 million.

But the fact that the P&I clubs will not allow their policies to serve as proof of financial responsibility was made clear by marine insurance industry representatives who also testified at the hearing.

Insurance company executives from Lloyd's of London, the Water Quality Insurance Syndicate, the United Kingdom P&I Club and the International Group of P&I Clubs at the congressional panel meeting verified that they

will not issue certificates of financial responsibility under the terms of the proposed regulations which make them directly liable for any claims brought against the vessel owner or operator under what is known as the "direct action" provision and which hold that they must agree to waive all policy defenses, even in extreme cases such as when a vessel owner fails to pay his premiums.

No Real Alternatives

Without being able to rely on the traditional oil spill liability coverage of the P&I clubs, vessel operators and owners have looked at the other alternative methods of compliance. There are scant opportunities to acquire certificates of financial responsibility, noted the Transportation Institute statement. Surety bonds, self insurance and third party guarantees are not easily obtainable, said the U.S.-flag shipping group.

Surety bonds generally are not available in the amount of money called upon in the law, and the self insurance option has been ruled out for most independent operators because as currently written the vessel owner or operator must show that both the company's net worth and working capital, on a non-consolidated basis, be equal or greater than the amount of financial responsibility required.

The rub in this case is that the Coast Guard rule only accepts a net worth figure that is the company's American-based assets minus its total world-wide liabilities. Similarly, the rulemaking defines working capital as U.S. assets minus all current liabilities.

The third party guarantee also is not a very viable option for the independent operator. "For vessels owned by companies that have 'deep pocket' parents, this option may be a viable alternative. However, independent vessel owners and operators do not have 'deep pocket' parent companies willing to provide such guarantees," said the Institute in its testimony.

The Institute urged the Coast Guard and the government to look into other financial instruments to provide vessel owners and operators with a reasonable options to obtain the required certificates. Goldstein noted OPA 90 allows the Secretary of Transportation to accept other evidence of financial responsibility beyond what is outlined in the law.

TI Proposes Solutions

Thus, the Institute noted, the administration can incorporate some of the approaches on this matter which have been codified by various states grappling with their own oil spill statutes with financial responsibility provisions.

"Individual states have already wrestled with the issue of certifying financial responsibility. Several have concluded that the only viable alternative is to devise a method by which P&I club coverage can be considered evidence of financial responsibility even if the clubs do not agree to a direct action requirement and a waiver of policy defenses," said the Institute testimony.

It cited Washington state and California statutes which recognize entry in a P&I club as sufficient evidence of financial responsibility and Virginia's approach which considers P&I clubs to be mutual indemnification organizations, and as such is more like a self insurance operation than a third party insurance set-up. "Because it is considered self insurance, the direct action requirement does not apply," noted the Institute statement.

Several industry groups pressed the Coast Guard to extend the comment period on the Federal Register announcement of the proposed regulation beyond the November 25 cut-off date. During the hearing, Tauzin announced the Coast Guard had agreed to add time to the comment period subject to the approval of the Secretary of Transportation. The Institute also is recommending the agency hold hearings throughout the country.

Twelve Topmost Bosuns Put Out Call to Upgrade

Twelve SIU members who graduated as recertified bosuns during the November membership meeting at the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship at the Paul Hall Center echoed a theme. The message: The SIU offers tremendous opportunities to its members, but each Seafarer individually must make constant efforts to learn and improve.

"It's simple. You get out of it what you put into it," said course participant **Jamie Miller**.

Bosun **Ervin Bronstein**, who graduated from the Lundeberg School in 1980, said at the meeting, "If you take care of the SIU, the SIU will take care of you!"

Miller, Bronstein and their fellow bosuns completed the highest curriculum available to Seafarers sailing in the deck department. During the six-week course, they finished advanced classes in fire-fighting, safety and first aid as well as deck skill courses in wire-splicing, knot-tying and navigation. They also practiced ship-handling procedures in the Lundeberg School's simulator, which reproduces sailing conditions at sea and in ports worldwide.

"The best part to me was learning different ways of line-splicing," said 36-year-old **Sam Reed**. "I really got something I can take back with me to do the job." Reed, who joined the SIU in 1979 in Mobile, Ala., added, "The Sealift class was great, too. It was kind of mind-boggling at first, but it was a good experience."

A key aspect of the bosuns' curriculum concentrated on the details and nuances of the union and its various plans. The program brought the bosuns into contact with every department of the SIU for intensive question-and-answer periods, providing an opportunity for in-depth discussions.

The bosuns travelled to union headquarters in Camp Springs, Md., where they met with SIU President Michael Sacco and SIU Executive Vice President Joseph Sacco. Additionally, the group talked with officials from the union's congressional affairs department and with staff members of the Seafarers LOG.

In meetings with officials from



Wire splicing exercises are completed by **Harold Berggren**.



Recertified bosuns are all smiles after receiving certificates. From left: SIU Executive VP **Joseph Sacco**, **Eugene Kaiser**, **Sam Reed**, **Jose Rodriguez**, **Harvey McClung**, **Eugene Beverly**, **Jamie Miller**, **Ramadan Elmobdy**, SIU President **Michael Sacco**, **William Mullins**, **Lance Zollner**, **Harold Berggren**, **Ervin Bronstein** and **Anthony Heinoldt**.

the union's collective bargaining department, the bosuns discussed the union contract — its enforcement and implementation, the shipping rules and the SIU constitution.

Procedures of the SIU's plans (welfare, vacation, training and pension) were reviewed by the bosuns with representatives from each of the trust funds. Moreover, communication methods and leadership skills were practiced by the bosuns in workshop-like sessions with Lundeberg School instructors.

"I was kind of surprised about the intricacies of politics," noted **Anthony Heinoldt**, who joined the Seafarers 12 years ago in the port of New York. "You learn a lot more than seamanship and job skills (in this course). I wasn't really aware of the politics of the union and the labor movement, but now I am. And you have to be able to explain things to your crew, because they're going to be coming to you with questions."

Confident in SIU

During interviews and in brief speeches at the membership meeting, the recertified bosuns expressed pride and confidence in being part of the Seafarers. They noted the importance of upgrading programs to the individual Seafarer, the union and the industry.

"I've been [to the Lundeberg School] eight times," **William Mullins** declared. "This is like my home away from home." Mullins graduated from the school in 1973. "Anybody who doesn't upgrade will be left behind," he said.

Lance Zollner, who joined the union in 1977 in the port of St. Louis, stressed the responsibility each Seafarer has to himself and fellow members to be the best trained and most professional seaman. He also noted the importance of SPAD donations in order to have a strong political action program to protect seafarers' job security in the legislative process.

"I started out in the military, so I couldn't advance as easily as I can now," stated **Harvey McClung**,



The bosuns are briefed by MTD Executive Director **Frank Pecquex** on the energy bill vote taking place the day the upgraders toured Capitol Hill.

51. "The education is here if you want it," **McClung**, a Seafarer for the past 21 years, said he had heard many good things about the recertification program, "but the actual course is even better than what I had heard."

Eugene Kaiser joined the SIU in 1968 in the port of New Orleans. The 42-year-old recertified bosun advised trainees who attended the meeting that they have a great future with the SIU. "I've been here 20 years, and the union is still here!" he emphatically intoned.

A 34-year member of the Seafarers, **Eugene Beverly**, 57, gave his views on the bosun recertification program: "It's extremely educational. It enables a person to learn more about himself and how to handle different situations. It

helps you become a better seaman and a better person."

Bosun **Jose Rodriguez** pointed out the importance of "getting updated and changing with the times. This program allows you to do that." Rodriguez, 59, joined the SIU in 1968 in the port of New York.

Commenting on his thoughts on the course, **Ramadan Elmobdy**, 44, said the program "makes you a quality bosun. I sailed with [another maritime union] before, and they never did anything like this for me. This is a quality job with great upgrading opportunities."

Harold Berggren, 38, summed up his feelings when he said, "The SIU is the best deal afloat. We have the lion's share of the work, and I'm proud to be a member."



Harvey McClung (left) and **Eugene Kaiser** work on wire splicing.



As part of the sealift course, **Jamie Miller** operates a forklift.



Pensioners (from left) Juan Manuel Collaco, Rafael Ramos and Ed deJesus participate in the benefits conference.



San Juan Port Agent Angel Hernandez (left), black-gang member Jose Rivera and steward department member Robert Fox are ready for the start of the conference.

Benefits Conference Held in San Juan

SIU members, pensioners and their family members packed the San Juan, P.R. union hall November 7 for the second-to-last benefits conference of 1991.

The final meeting scheduled for this year will be conducted December 6 in Algonac, Mich.

The conferences, which started in May, are run by representatives of the various Seafarers plans. They are designed as an open forum for members, retirees and family members to learn more about the union's programs such as medical, vacation, pension and educational benefits.

Everyone attending is encouraged to ask questions. Additionally, plenty of background material is provided for all to take home.

The conferences are scheduled on the same day as union meetings. More than 100 people, which has been the average across the country, attended the San Juan meeting.

"We had a lot of people in attendance, with a good mix of active members and pensioners," noted San Juan Port Agent Angel Hernandez who reported that the participants asked many questions and a good discussion took place.



Meeting with Luisa Santiago at the day-long San Juan benefits conference are SIU members Antonio Santiago (left) and Jose Rivera.



Seafarers, pensioners and family members pack the San Juan hall to find out the latest information about the union's various benefit plans.



Deck department member John Heidt brought his wife, Debby, and their daughter, Ginnie, to the San Juan session.



Above, Seafarers John Lamprecht (left) and Charles Varney listen to benefits information. Below, Basilio Maldonado (left) and his wife, Geraldine, chat with Leo Bonser, the plan's education director.



Aboard the 'Charlie Brown,' It was a Job Well Done



AB Roger Reinke works in a tank holding fiber-optic cable.

On August 17 the Charles L. Brown, a Transoceanic Cable ship, received a phone call informing them that the Hawaii No. 4 cable was down. The Charles L. Brown prepared for departure from Honolulu to do the repair some 760 miles northeast of the Hawaiian Islands — virtually in the middle of the Pacific Ocean!

The SIU's Honolulu union hall crewed the ship in ample time, and the company also flew cable supervisors to the vessel. Additionally, five crewmembers from the Global Link (a sister ship of the Charles L. Brown) signed on for this voyage: ABs Rick Borden and Robert Gettridge III, OS Tony Sivola and Joiner Kenneth McHoul.

The ship set sail, with three days transit to the repair site, six working days and three days transit back to Honolulu. Twelve days was outstanding time, made possible by the skill and dedication of the whole crew. They worked 12- to 16-hour shifts to get the job done with the minimum amount of drags

completed in water that is three miles deep.

AT&T, parent company of Transoceanic Cable, and its customers were ecstatic on August 29 when the Hawaii No. 4 fiber-optic cable — which runs from Makaha, Hawaii to Point Arena, Calif. — was back in service.

This cable has the capacity to carry 40,000 phone calls simultaneously, so the company was losing money while its customers were inconvenienced. Many of the large hotels in Honolulu distributed letters to their guests, informing them of the Hawaii No. 4 malfunction and the resulting problems.

As one can see, the SIU plays an important role in many areas. We do make a difference, and the Charles L. Brown has proven it once more.

This story was written aboard the Charles L. Brown and submitted to the LOG by Chief Steward Donna DeCesare.



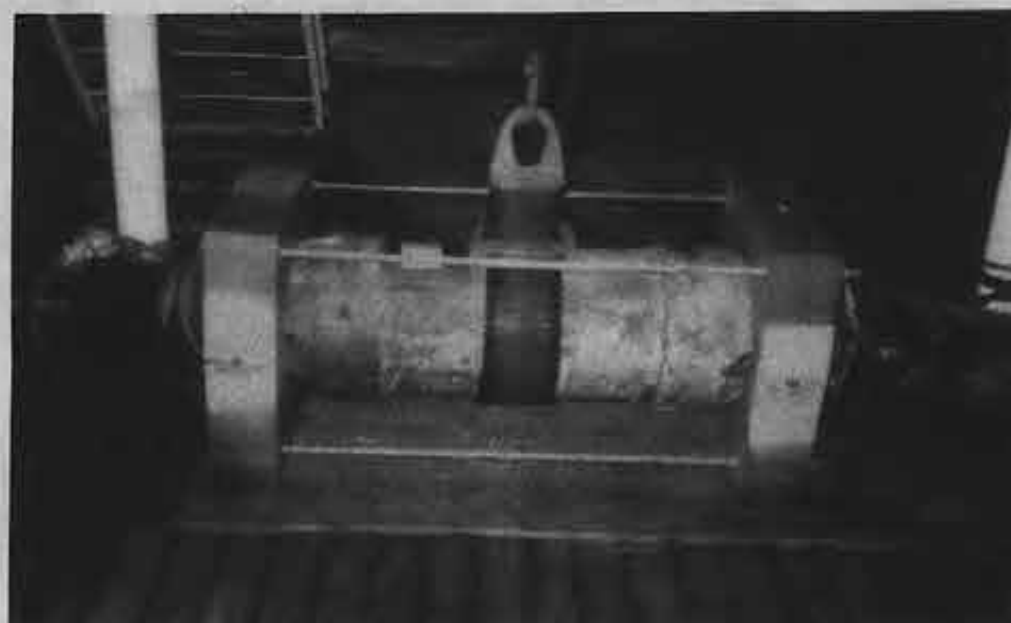
Chief Cook Brenda Kamiya and Assistant Cook Larry Tamale keep busy.



OS Tony Sivola has his hands full aboard the Charles L. Brown.



AB Rick Borden appears dwarfed by the immense tanks aboard ship.



The Charlie Brown's first drag located this damaged repeater.



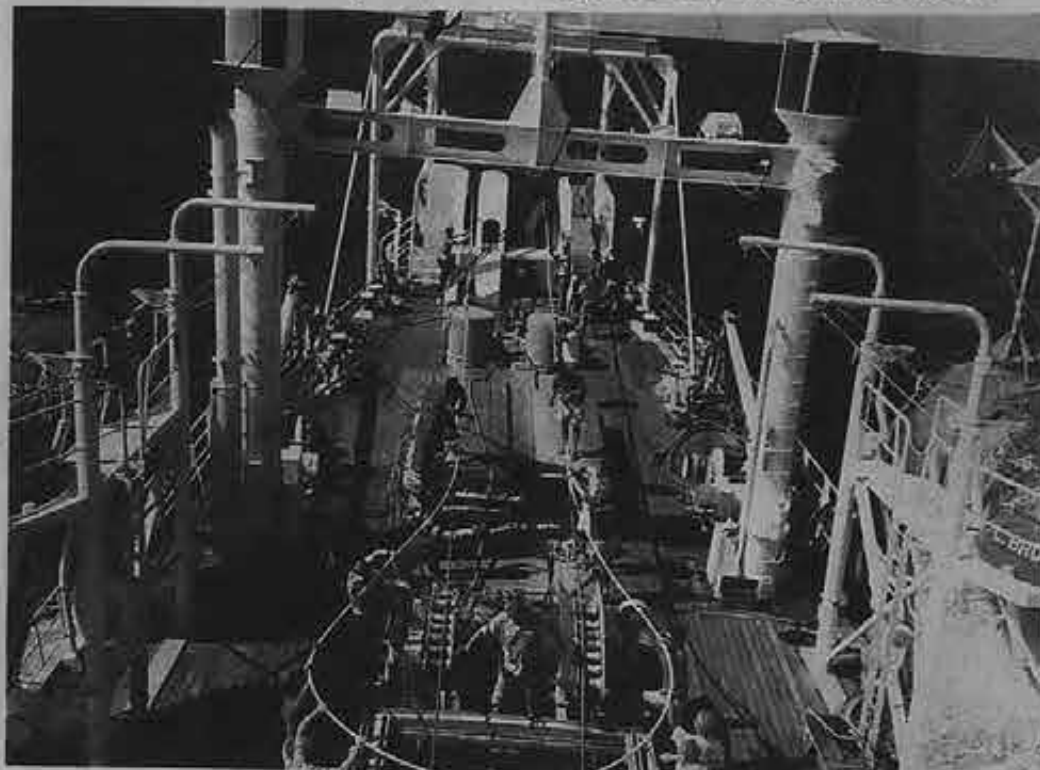
Chief Steward Donna DeCesare catches some rays after a morning of baking.



As the crew worked to repair the damaged line, a buoy is dropped to mark the end of the first cut in the cable.



SIU member A. Bleu Awong completes a long shift aboard the Charles Brown.



Crewmembers aboard the Charles L. Brown handle "fish bite," the final loop of cable leaving the ship to restore AT&T service from California to Hawaii.

New Technology Introduced at SLU Fire Fighting Course



Lundeberg School instructor demonstrates use of water control to extinguish flammable or liquid gas.

In an effort to constantly improve its courses, the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship at the Paul Hall Center recently made a strong addition to its Basic and Advanced Fire Fighting classes. The latest fire fighting class included hands-on training aboard the Earl (Bull) Shepard with a recently-acquired machine that produces a non-toxic chemical smoke.

This allows students to have realistic training exercises in confined spaces without the danger of real smoke and fire, explained Lundeberg School instructors Byran Cummings and John Smith. Cummings and Smith also used the smoke machine while conducting courses aboard the Delta Queen and the Mississippi Queen earlier this year, and Seafarers reacted positively.

The fire fighting course includes 16 hours of Basic, 35 hours of advanced and 10 hours of practical training (for a total of 61 hours). Eight additional course hours of CPR/First Aid are available. Some of the training exercises are: fire in a living quarters, fire in an engine room, hazardous material involved in a fire, and fire while conducting search and rescue procedures.

Dates for Basic and Advanced Fire Fighting courses in 1992 are: February 18-28; June 16-26; and October 20-30. For more information, contact the Lundeberg School admissions office.

Pumproom Maintenance Course: Upgrading Opportunity for QMEDs



Charlie Betz (left) and Bobby Spencer check the diameter of stock after making cuts on the engine lathe.

For members of the engine department, the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School offers a six-week course in Pumproom Maintenance and Operations. The course gives students an opportunity for hands-on repair of valves, pumps and piping systems. Students also learn lathe operations and techniques.

Classroom time is spent on properties of petroleum and chemical cargoes, the hazards of these cargoes and loading problems. Charts and tables are used in discussions of cargo compatibility and federal regulations pertaining to liquid cargo operations of tank vessels.

Other topics in the course include tank cleaning, ballasting and inert gas systems. This section of the course features testing cargo tanks for safe entry, as well as the proper use of respirators and air packs.

One week of the course covers pollution prevention and Oil Spill Emergency Containment and Cleanup.

Upon completion of the course, each student receives a certificate for Pumproom Maintenance and Operations and Oil Spill Emergency Containment and Cleanup.

All applicants must hold a QMED Any Rating endorsement, or endorsement as a Pumpman, or equivalent inland experience. For more information, contact the Lundeberg School admissions office.



Jorge Bonelli (left) and Crescencio Suazo cut threads on the engine lathe.

Marine Electronics Program Revised into Two 6-Week Courses

The Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship will begin offering its revised Marine Electronics Technician (MET) program next month.

The program has been divided into two six-week courses that can, but do not have to be, taken concurrently. (The old course ran for 12 straight weeks.) The school also has hired a new instructor, Mark Rainess, to teach the students.

The new program, known as MET I and MET II, is geared toward providing the practical skills needed to understand and repair today's shipboard electronic equipment.

The MET I version includes the study of AC and DC circuits and their test equipment, resonance and filtering, basic power supplies, amplifiers and troubleshooting.

To apply for the course, a student must have graduated from the Lundeberg School's Basic Electronics course or receive recognition

from the vocational education department that he or she has the equivalent background training.

Students taking the MET II course will study radio frequency amplifiers, basic antenna systems, introduction to satellite and radar systems, introduction to microprocessor control systems and circuit board repair. To take the MET II course, a student must be a graduate of MET I.

Graduates of both courses will be qualified to sit for the FCC General Radio-telephone or Second Class Radio-telegraph licenses.

Instructor Rainess brings to the courses 12 years of experience in instructing technicians. He has spent six years teaching electronics to merchant mariners. He is certified by the International Society of Certified Electronic Technicians in computer electronics and is an honor graduate of the Chantrelle Military Training School.



Instructor Mark Rainess (standing) reviews the work of his students taking the Marine Electronics Technician class at the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School.

5 of Silas Bent Crew Head En Masse to SIU School

The first time SIU member **Jeanette Ball** saw the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training, she was so impressed by the facilities, "I thought I must have made a wrong turn!"

Ball is one of five Seafarers who recently signed off the USNS Silas Bent and then, by coincidence, headed for Piney Point, Md. to upgrade. Ball, fellow galley gang member **Cassie Tourere**, black-gang members **Bob Warren** and **Donald Smith** and Storekeeper **Dick Higgins** each took upgrading courses in recent months.

"Three of us from the Silas Bent knew we were coming to Piney Point," Higgins told a reporter for the Seafarers LOG. "It was funny when all five of us got here, and we're all enrolled in different upgrading courses."

Higgins, 45, took the AB and Lifeboat/Water Survival courses. "It's wonderful here," he said. "And there are a lot of other courses I want to check into. I'm coming back after the holidays for Sealift and Oil Spill."

Higgins joined the SIU in 1990 in the port of Seattle. Prior to that, he served for 24 years in the Navy. "Now I'm learning the merchant side of maritime, and it's interesting."

Warren, 48, took a QMED course. "The quality of the teachers here and the accommodations are amazing," he said. "This school is a wonderful thing, a great part of being a member of the SIU. When I get back on a ship, I definitely will encourage guys to come here."

Warren expressed great appreciation for the opportunities he has with the SIU. He joined the Seafarers in Mobile, Ala. in 1962, but became inactive in 1968 — "the

worst mistake I ever made." He joined again in February 1990.

"I'm so grateful I don't know what to say," Warren explained. "When you're 48 years old, no company wants to even talk to you. At my age, it would have been impossible to start a good career anywhere else except the SIU."

Similarly, Ball changed careers within the past year. She joined the union in February in the port of Wilmington, Calif. "I haven't been a member very long, but I like what the union is doing," she said. "It would almost be impossible for someone my age (48) to change jobs without a union."

"The facilities at the school are great, and I enjoyed the ACU (assistant cook) program. It's very educational."

Like Ball, Tourere likened the SIU to a close-knit family. "Everyone is very supportive," Tourere said. "The union has been great for me, no problems whatsoever."

Tourere, 40, joined the SIU in New Orleans in 1989. This year she upgraded to chief cook. "I like being able to work with professional chefs who take the time to answer any and all questions," she said. "I plan on coming back after six months as a chief cook and upgrading to chief steward."

Smith, who was part of three father-son teams sailing aboard the Silas Bent, joined the Seafarers in Seattle in 1989. Like Higgins, Smith spent more than 20 years in the Navy before joining the SIU.

"I've been shipping, as an OMT," Smith noted, "and decided to upgrade. I got an instructor (Eric Malzkahn) who's out of sight. I don't think there's anything about engines he doesn't know."

Smith described the Lundberg

School staff as "very professional. You couldn't ask for better treatment."

"The facilities are also fantastic, and they're kept very clean. I didn't realize the place is this nice."

Smith also had a word of advice for younger Seafarers: "I highly recommend the school for young men and women who are just starting out in the union. You can have one heck of a great future in maritime — if you start here!"



Cassie Tourere finds her fellow Seafarers "very courteous and supportive."



Bob Warren says he is grateful for the opportunities provided by the SIU.



From a father-son team on the Bent, Donald Smith came to the school.



The union is like a close-knit family, says Jeanette Ball.



The next course for Dick Higgins is sealift operations.

O/S Washington Crew 'Adopted' by 5th-Grade Class



Audrey Quinlan's fifth-grade class has adopted crew on the Overseas Washington.

Crewmembers on the SIU-contracted Overseas Washington recently found out they had been adopted.

A fifth-grade class from a parochial school near Pittsburgh, Pa. "adopted" the O/S Washington as part of a program run by the Propeller Club of Washington, D.C. The program allows students and mariners to correspond for part or all of a school year.

This year, the O/S Washington already has received cards and decorations for Halloween and

Thanksgiving, as well as other letters. Crewmembers have responded with a videotape taken aboard the vessel. They also sent a map plotting the Washington's course, as well as letters which answer students' questions.

"These guys [from the Overseas Washington] have been terrific," Audrey Quinlan, the teacher who got Immaculate Conception School involved in the correspondence program, recently told a reporter for the Seafarers LOG. "The kids were tickled with the

videotape, and we're making one and sending it in return," she said.

Bosun **James H. Lewis** sent the accompanying photographs to the LOG, along with a copy of a letter from the school. Students asked the Seafarers such questions as: How many people work aboard your ship? How fast does your ship go? Do you get a vacation? Do you like sports?

Quinlan said this is the third

year she has had students participate, and the Overseas Washington—the first SIU-crewed vessel with which she has dealt—has been by far the best. "We could tell right away that we had better hang onto this ship," Quinlan said. "The chart they sent with the route mapped out was marvelous. The kids were fascinated by it and they asked a lot of questions."



Chief Pumpman Brian Bukis has made time to participate in a correspondence program with Mrs. Quinlan's students.



ABs (from left) Dave Allen, Brent Johnson and Tom Grose enjoy Halloween posters and cards sent by fifth-graders.



Seafarers Appeals Board Creates New Cable Ship-AB Rating, Sets 18 Months of Military Ship Seetime for Seniority Upgrade

Three recent actions by the Seafarers Appeals Board to amend the shipping rules spell out how ordinary seamen can upgrade to cable ABs, list the military-contracted vessels on which members can work to be eligible for rapid upgrade from "B" to "A" seniority and rescind some of the changes created during the Persian Gulf war emergency.

SAB Action 358 changes Rule 2 G 19 (c) permitting ordinary seamen who graduated from the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship entry program to ship 240 days with a 60-day relief after four continuous months on board a cable ship to obtain enough seetime to upgrade for an AB's ticket.

The action adds the position of Cable AB to Rule 3 A under Deck Department Group II-Rating Watchstanders. Finally, the action gives priority to those seeking an open job of Cable AB to those who graduated the Lundeberg School entry program, have sailed eight months aboard a cable and possess Coast Guard certification as an AB.

Angus "Red" Campbell, SIU vice president for collective bargaining, said the changes were needed to increase the number of trained Seafarers available to operate the growing Transoceanic Cable Ship fleet.

SAB Action 360 lists all the vessels under contract to the SIU that are owned or chartered by the military on which a member above the entry level and possessing a "B" seniority can sail for 18 months completing all of his or her tours of duty to upgrade to "A" seniority. The ruling also reconfirms members of the steward department sailing aboard passenger ships and possessing "B" seniority also may accumulate 18 months seetime and possess a rating above the entry level on passenger vessels and upgrade to "A" seniority.

The final action, number 359, rescinds the Persian Gulf war emergency action that allowed pensioners, except those on disability, who had certification above the entry level to compete for jobs.

The Seafarers Appeals Board consists of representatives from both the SIU and its contracted companies. All three actions are printed in their entirety below:

SAB Action 358

The Seafarers Appeals Board acting under and pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Union and the various Contracted Employers, hereby takes the following action.

Whereas, Transoceanic Cable Ship Co., Inc. is constructing and operating cable ships, and

Whereas, said cable ships utilize the most modern cable equipment and technology, and

Whereas, extensive training will be required for those crew members engaged in cable laying and maintenance of cable equipment, and

Whereas, to ensure that a pool

of qualified cable personnel are available, when required, for the life of the vessels, and

Whereas, Ordinary Seamen having satisfactorily completed the entry rating training program at the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship can obtain certification from the Coast Guard as Able Seamen after eight (8) months of employment aboard the cable ships and by passing the requisite examination provided by the U.S. Coast Guard, and

Whereas, Ordinary Seamen upgraded to Able Seamen can replace the loss of qualified trained "Cable AB's" through illness, injury or retirement,

Therefore, the Shipping Rules shall be amended in the following manner.

Rule 2 G 19 shall be amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to the existing provisions, which shall read as follows.

"(c) However, Ordinary Seamen employed aboard cable ships, who have satisfactorily completed the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship entry training program, shall be permitted to remain aboard a cable ship for a total of two hundred and forty (240) days with a sixty (60) day relief period after four (4) months of continuous employment in order to obtain the necessary seetime required by the U.S. Coast Guard to obtain Able Seamen certification."

The remainder of Rule 2 G 19 shall continue in full force and effect.

Rule 3 Department & Groups, subsection A, shall be amended by adding the rating of "Cable AB" to Group II, Rated Watchstanders, Deck department.

Rule 5 Preference and Priorities, Section A 4 shall be amended by adding a subsection (d) which shall read as follows.

"(d) Within each class of seniority in the Deck Department, priority for the job of 'Cable AB' shall be given to those seamen who have satisfactorily completed the entry rating training program at the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship and have completed at least eight (8) months of employment aboard a cable ship and possess U.S. Coast Guard certification as Able Seaman."

The remainder of Rule 5 A shall continue in full force and effect.

Dated: October 1, 1991

SAB Action 359

The Seafarers Appeals Board acting under and pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the union and the various Contracted Employers hereby takes the following action.

Whereas, by Action 328, Rule 10, Special or Emergency Provisions was amended to permit pensioners, excluding those on disability and who possess special skills or qualifications above the entry level to compete for employment aboard military contracted vessels, and

Whereas, due to the critical

shortage of such class of seamen during the emergency created by Desert Shield/Storm, Rule 10 D, Sub-sections 1 and 2 were implemented, and

Whereas, the emergency no longer exists,

Therefore, Rule 10 D, Sub-sections 1 and 2 are no longer in effect.

Dated: November 1, 1991

SAB Action 360

Pursuant to Rule 1, Seniority B 1 (b), Class "A" employment seniority can be obtained by seamen with ratings above the entry level, who possess Class "B" seniority and who pursuant to Rule 2 C 3 third paragraph, and ships aboard vessels owned or chartered by the U.S. military and operated by contracted employers, and to con-

tracted passenger vessels, Steward Department only, for a period of eighteen (18) months, after obtaining Class "B" employment seniority.

The eligibility provisions do not apply to ships from the Ready Reserve Fleet. Those ships paid Standard Tanker and Freightship contract rates, vacation pay and other standard fringes.

Dated: November 1, 1991

(A list of the vessels which provide this kind of eligibility in accordance with the Rules specified here is available from the headquarters contracts department at all SIU halls. Members with questions as to which ships are included should contact either the contracts department or a union official at any hall.)

Larson's Poem Read at Service For Edmund Fitzgerald Crew

Emily A. Larson had all but forgotten about the poem she had submitted to the Seafarers LOG earlier this year.

It came back to her on November 9 when she received a phone call from her mother-in-law, Barbara, informing her that "The Sailor's Wife" had been published in the LOG.

On November 10, the Rev. Richard W. Ingalls read the poem from the pulpit of the Mariners' Church of Detroit during the annual memorial service for the crew of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

"I'm just so honored," Emily Larson told a reporter for the Seafarers LOG upon hearing the news her poem was selected for the memorial. "This is neat to hear. I can't wait to tell my husband."

The poem was written as winter was turning into spring on the Great Lakes, a very emotional time for Emily and her husband, AB Wheelman David V. Larson, who sails aboard the Kinsman Enterprise. With the first thaw, Great Lakes members return to their vessels for another season of sailing.

"I have been waiting for him for 17 years," Emily Larson noted. "Just when I get comfortable with him at home, it's time for him to go."

David Larson is a second-generation SIU member. His father, Junior Nels Larson, sails as a

QMED on the Adam E. Cornelius while his brother, Floyd Larson, is a gateman aboard the Indiana Harbor.

Father Ingalls spotted the poem in a Seafarers LOG presented to him by SIU President Michael Sacco, one of the honorary 29 bellringers at the Fitzgerald memorial service. He told the congregation his reason for making "The Sailor's Wife" part of the service was because it was written by a Great Lakes' wife and explained the fear and love each family member of a mariner possesses.

The Edmund Fitzgerald took all 29 crewmembers down when it sank during a gale on Lake Superior on November 10, 1975. Father Ingalls tolled the Mariner's Church bell 29 times upon hearing the news of the vessel's sinking.

Detroit media came to the church to find out why and published stories that were carried nationwide about his reaction. Songwriter Gordon Lightfoot read one of the stories about the tolling and called the church about it. He memorialized the event in his ballad, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald."

The Mariner's Church first held the Fitzgerald memorial as a private service for the surviving family members of the crew. Today, the service is open to the public and also commemorates all who have perished aboard vessels on the Lakes, rivers and high seas.



Algonac Port Representative Tim Kelley (right) was one of 29 honorary bellringers at the Fitzgerald memorial service.

SIU Sues to Kill Unfair Tax on Seamen

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from collecting monies for the licensing of merchant mariners.

While the notion of user fees for Coast Guard services was first introduced in the early days of the Reagan administration, the proposal was beaten back in Congress every year through the efforts of the SIU, other maritime unions and congressional supporters of U.S. shipping.

However, in 1990, without holding hearings, Congress, acting under pressure to reduce the walloping federal budget deficit, instituted Coast Guard user fees in a last minute move during a closed-door conference committee. The president signed the budget bill, which provides that funds raised from Coast Guard user fees go directly into the federal government's coffers, into law.

This summer, the Coast Guard,

in complying with the 1990 Budget Act, issued in the Federal Register a proposed fee schedule for user fees that would be charged to seamen and boatmen for their licenses and documents. The proposed regulation also outlined the manner in which the Coast Guard will seek to collect the fees.

Average \$135 for AB, QMED

As currently outlined in the Coast Guard's user fee scheme, a seaman seeking an AB or QMED rating would pay \$35 for issuance of the z-card, \$60 for the evaluation process and \$40 for the cost of the examination—or a total of \$135. Those seamen or boatmen sitting for a lower level license would have to pay a total of \$180—\$35 for issuance, \$65 for the evaluation of his paperwork and \$80 for the exam. Upper level licenses would cost up to \$330. All appli-

cants would be assessed a \$17 fee for a mandatory FBI check.

Because the Coast Guard proposes (under a separate rulemaking process brought about by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990) to make z-cards renewable every five years and since licenses must be renewed every five years, the costs as currently calculated for a seaman or boatman will be considerable.

Strong Industry Opposition

Currently, the Coast Guard has no set date for implementing the user fee program for issuing documents and licenses. Spokesmen for the agency have indicated that an additional comment period on the proposal will be opened through an announcement in the Federal Register.

During the first comment period

on this matter, the Coast Guard received some 500 communications, which for the most part protested the imposition of the fee. Opposition came from all sectors of the maritime industry—including the SIU, other marine unions, the Maritime Administration, the Military Sealift Command, U.S.-flag shipping companies and their associations and hundreds of boatmen and seamen.

The SIU suit is seeking to prevent the program from ever being enacted. The lawsuit asks the court to find the fees for seamen's papers and marine licenses to be contrary to the constitution and statutes of the United States and to prohibit the Coast Guard from implementing its proposed rules requiring a collection of fees for issuing the documents and licenses that mariners must have in order to work in their field.



Meeting with SIU President Michael Sacco aboard the Charles L. Brown are (from left) AB Joel Saul, Steward Donna DeCesare, Steward M. K. Wilson and ABs Luisito Balatbat, Sam Tumala and Ben Picar.



Bosun Armond (second from left) and Captain Garnett talk with Sacco and Fay on board USNS Titan.



USNS Titan crewmember Quinton Rowe at shipboard meeting.



Phyllis Stricklin, a crewmember from USNS Titan.



Bosun Louis Vasquez chats with President Sacco on board the Sea-Land Hawaii.



Crewmembers aboard the S.S. Independence hear a report from SIU President Michael Sacco in Hawaii.



Seafarers aboard the Sea-Land Hawaii talk with officials Sacco and Fay.

On SIU Ships in Hawaii

Seafarers President Michael Sacco, while in Hawaii, met with SIU members aboard several vessels docked in Honolulu and vicinity. Crewmembers discussed their concerns about the imposition of a so-called user fee for obtaining their merchant marine documents.

Sacco was accompanied by SIU Secretary-Treasurer John Fay and Vice President George McCartney.



DEU Steve Rollins, aboard Sea-Land Hawaii, confers with SIU President Michael Sacco.



DEU Rodney Pontiflet (left) is pictured with SIU Vice President McCartney aboard the Sea-Land Hawaii.



Bosun Thomas Martineau (left) and AB Carlos Loureiro discuss Persian Gulf shipping with SIU President Sacco and VP McCartney aboard the Sealift Atlantic.



Aboard the USNS Audacious (from left) are Steward/Baker Bob Stearns, Bosun Richard Weyandt, VP McCartney and Dr. Cox, the ship's medical officer.



On board the Charles L. Brown are (from left), Bosun Jeremiah Harrington, SIU Secretary-Treasurer John Fay, ABs Richard Young and Roger Reineke, OS Tony Sivola, AB William Rackley and Sacco.

Seafarers: 7 Scholarships Open to Members, Families

Applications now are being accepted for the 1992 Seafarers scholarship program which will

award seven grants to three SIU members and four dependents. All Seafarers and their spouses and

children who plan to attend college are encouraged to apply. The deadline for submission of all required paperwork for the 1992 scholarship program is April 15, 1992. Winners will be announced in May 1992.

sponsored by the Seafarers Welfare Plan.

While the program is open to all eligible Seafarers and their dependents, there is one catch: One must apply in order to be considered for the award.

The scholarship grants primarily are awarded on the basis of high school grades and the scores of either College Entrance Examination Boards (SAT) or American College Tests (ACT). Other data will be required to be sent along with each completed application (e.g., transcripts of grades, certificates of graduation, letters of recommendation). These all are spelled out in the Scholarship Program booklet, available in each SIU hall or by contacting the Seafarers Welfare Plan at the union's headquarters.

Below are the stories of two former scholarship winners.

Where are they Now?

A Look at Two Previous Scholarship Winners



This family photograph was taken at Marilyn Calister's graduation party in June 1990. Calister is pictured at left. Next to her is her brother, Anthony, also a scholarship winner. Her sister, Valerie, an alternate scholarship winner, is third from right.

A Family of Scholars

Marilyn B. Calister is very thankful to her late father and the SIU for making it possible for her to be a recipient of the \$10,000 scholarship in 1972.

The award helped pay Calister's tuition to Queens College where she obtained a BA in education in 1976. She said the scholarship meant she did not have to work full time while attending college, thereby enabling her to make good grades and establish lifelong friends.

After many years of teaching, Calister decided she wanted to do something else. That something else turned into an accounting career. She went back to school and completed an MBA at Baruch University and is currently working for Arthur Andersen & Co. in New York as a tax accountant. She has passed the CPA exam and should be certified shortly.

But her success story is not a unique one in the Calister family. Her brother, Anthony, also was a recipient of a Seafarers scholarship. He was in the class of 1971 at Brooklyn College and went on to obtain his master's degree in English literature. He presently teaches English at Eastern District High School in New York City. And her sister, Valerie, was chosen an alternate for the scholarship. She graduated Brooklyn College in 1972 and has a master's degree in early childhood education from Columbia University. She currently teaches in the Long Branch School system in New Jersey.

"As you can see," wrote Calister in a letter to the Seafarers LOG, "the scholarship was a big boost to our confidence. It was not just the money. It created a belief that we really could do anything we wanted."

Now in Private Practice

In 1975, Ana Rita Pinilla Díaz was one of the recipients of the scholarship program for dependents of Seafarers. The four-year award (\$10,000 at that time) proved to be the impetus for a continuing thirst for knowledge.

Using the scholarship money to complete her bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Puerto Rico and her master's degree in neuropsychology at the Caribbean Center for Advanced Studies, Pinilla Díaz became a qualified clinical psychologist with a private practice. She also worked with a Social Security disability program and served as an instructor of psychology in the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico. In 1988 she completed a Ph.D. program as Doctor in Clinical Neuropsychology.

At present, she is working as a consultant, psychologist and evaluator and has her own private practice in Hato Rey, P.R. Pinilla Díaz

is grateful to the SIU for selecting her for the scholarship back in '75. She says she is very happy and fulfilled in her chosen profession and hopes her story will inspire other eligible Seafarers and their dependents to apply for the annual scholarship.



Dr. Ana R. Pinilla Díaz, 1975 scholarship winner, is pictured with her husband and three children.



*It's time
to send in
your
application...*

April 15, 1992 is the deadline for submission of all required paperwork for the 1992 scholarship program.

For further information, see an SIU official at any union hall — or contact the Scholarship Program, Seafarers Welfare Plan, 5201 Auth Way, Camp Springs, MD 20746.

The Seafarers Pension Plan announces the retirement of 57 members this month. Forty-four of those signing off sailed in the deep sea division, while eight sailed in the inland division. Two sailed in the Great Lakes division and three sailed in the railroad marine division. Galley gang member Howard Ruby, 77, is the oldest of the new pensioners. Brother Ruby joined the Seafarers 30 years ago.

Deck department member Morris Danzey has been a member longer than any of the others who are retiring. Brother Danzey joined the SIU in 1943.

Brief biographical sketches of Ruby, Danzey and the other new pensioners follow:

DEEP SEA

LEON ACOSTA, 66, joined the Seafarers in 1971 in the port of New Orleans. Born in Colombia, he sailed in the engine department. Brother Acosta served in the Colombian navy from 1943 until 1961. He has retired to New Orleans.



JOSEPH BIDZILYA, 62, joined the SIU in 1948 in his native Philadelphia. He shipped in the deck and steward departments.

Brother Bidzilya served in the Army from 1954 to 1956. He still calls Philadelphia home.

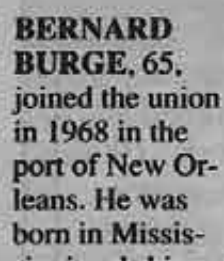


DANIEL BOONE, 65, joined the Seafarers in 1959 in his native New Orleans. Brother Boone shipped in the galley gang.

He served in the Navy from 1943 until 1956. Brother Boone still lives in New Orleans.



ROBERT D. BROWN, 62, joined the SIU in 1948 in the port of New York. Born in Mississippi, he shipped in the steward department. Brother Brown has retired to Independence, La.



BERNARD BURGE, 65, joined the SIU in 1968 in the port of New Orleans. He was born in Mississippi and shipped in the black-gang. Brother Burge upgraded frequently at the Lundeberg School. He served in the Army from 1950 to 1952. Brother Burge has retired to Picayune, Miss.



WILLIAM CACHOLA, 65, joined the SIU in 1955 in the port of Baltimore. The native of Puerto Rico sailed in the engine department.

To Our New Pensioners ... Thanks for a Job Well Done

Each month in the Seafarers LOG, the names of SIU members who recently have become pensioners appear with a brief biographical sketch. These men and women have served the maritime industry well, and the SIU and all their union brothers and sisters wish them happiness and health in the days ahead.

ment and in 1975 upgraded at the Lundeberg School to QMED. Brother Cachola resides in Baltimore.

BURTON CHURCHILL, 65, graduated from the Lundeberg School in 1967. Born in Illinois,

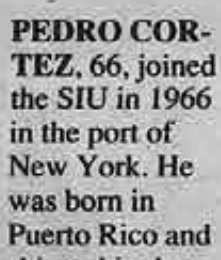


he shipped in the deck department. Brother Churchill served in the Army from 1941 to 1947 and also served in the Navy from 1948 until 1963. He lives in Slidell, La.



FRED C. COOPER, 62, joined the Seafarers in 1956 in the port of Seattle. A native of Alabama, he completed the Lundeberg

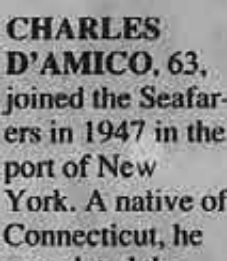
School's bosun recertification course in 1973. Brother Cooper served in the Air Force from 1947 to 1950. He has retired to Mobile, Ala.



PEDRO CORTEZ, 66, joined the SIU in 1966 in the port of New York. He was born in Puerto Rico and shipped in the black-gang. Brother Cortez resides in West Farm, N.Y.



WILLIE CROMWELL, 65, joined the union in 1972 in the port of Seattle. Born in Mississippi, he sailed in the steward department. Brother Cromwell served in the Army from 1941 until 1946. He lives in Seattle.



CHARLES D'AMICO, 63, joined the Seafarers in 1947 in the port of New York. A native of Connecticut, he completed the Lundeberg School's bosun recertification course in 1974. Brother D'Amico has retired to Houston.



MORRIS DANZEY, 65, joined the union in 1943 in the port of New Orleans. He was born in Mobile, Ala. and sailed in the deck department. Brother Danzey resides in Satsuma, Ala.

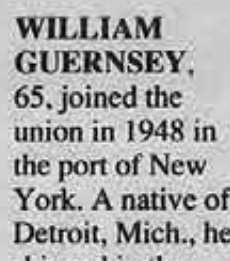
LAWRENCE DUEITT JR., 64, joined the SIU in 1956 in the port of Lake Charles, La. Born in Mobile, Ala., he shipped in the deck department. Brother Dueitt served

in the Army from 1943 to 1945. He lives in Mobile.



DANIEL FERRAS, 56, joined the Seafarers in 1968 in the port of New Orleans. A native of Cuba, he sailed in the deck department. Brother Ferras has retired to Kenner, La.

DONALD FROUNFELTER, 70, joined the SIU in 1967 in the port of Seattle. He was born in North Dakota and sailed in the steward department. Brother Frounfelter served in the Air Force from 1942 until 1963. He resides in Seattle.



WILLIAM GUERNSEY, 65, joined the union in 1948 in the port of New York. A native of Detroit, Mich., he shipped in the deck department. Brother Guernsey served in the Army from 1942 to 1944. He lives in Ontario, Canada.



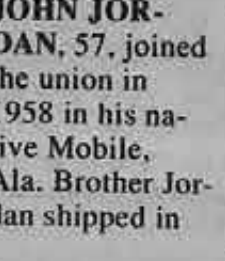
CHILTON HALL, 67, joined the SIU in 1962 in the port of New York. Born in Alabama, he sailed in the black-gang. Brother Hall served in the Navy from 1941 to 1945 and from 1950 to 1954. He has retired to Montgomery, Ala.



WILLIAM HAMPSON, 61, joined the Seafarers in 1951 in his native New York. He upgraded frequently at the Lundeberg School and in 1982 completed the bosun recertification course. Brother Hampson resides in Huntsville, Texas.



PAUL L. HUNT, 65, joined the SIU in 1968 in the port of New Orleans. Born in New York, he shipped in the galley gang and in 1981 completed steward recertification. Brother Hunt served in the Marine Corps from 1945 to 1946. He lives in River Ridge, La.



JOHN JORDAN, 57, joined the union in 1958 in his native Mobile, Ala. Brother Jordan shipped in

the engine department. He has retired to Eight Mile, Ala.



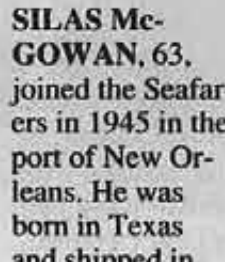
ROBERT KENNEDY, 63, joined the Seafarers in 1958 in the port of Houston. A native of North Dakota, he completed steward recertification in 1985. Brother Kennedy resides in New Orleans.



CICERO KING JR., 60, joined the SIU in 1958 in the port of Seattle. He sailed in the engine department and in 1979 upgraded at the Lundeberg School to QMED. Brother King has retired to Elizabeth City, N.C.



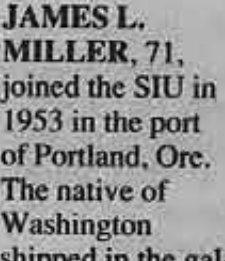
JIMMY RAY LERZO, 65, joined the Seafarers in 1960 in the port of Detroit, Mich. He was born in Kentucky and shipped in the engine department. Brother Lerzo resides in Madison, W. Va.



SILAS MCGOWAN, 63, joined the Seafarers in 1945 in the port of New Orleans. He was born in Texas and shipped in the deck department. Brother McGowan served in the Army from 1950 to 1952. He lives in Dayton, Texas.



GEORGE MELEAR, 65, joined the union in 1972 in the port of Houston. Born in Texas, he sailed in the engine department. Brother Melear served in the Army from 1944 to 1946 and from 1950 to 1951. He resides in Houston.



JAMES L. MILLER, 71, joined the SIU in 1953 in the port of Portland, Ore. The native of Washington shipped in the galley gang. Brother Miller has retired to Oregon City, Ore.



JOSE NAVA, 65, joined the Seafarers in 1969 in the port of New York. Born in Texas, he sailed in the deck department and in 1986 upgraded at the Lundeberg School. Brother Nava served in the Navy from 1942 until 1962. He lives in Fairhope, Ala.

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MTD BIENNIAL CONVENTION



Meeting in convention, delegates to the biennial MTD event hear former Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall speak out against the proposed U.S./Mexico trade deal.

Maritime Trades Dep't Convention Hits Bush Policies

Delegates from 42 unions along with representatives of various local port councils throughout the country acted on a wide range of matters affecting seafarers and workers in the nation's marine industry at the 19th biennial convention of the AFL-CIO Maritime Trades Department meeting in Detroit last month.

The delegates heard timely addresses and reports and took action on a number of resolutions concerned with the state of the American merchant marine and labor issues of importance to the affiliates of the department.

The meeting, which preceded the AFL-CIO convention, re-elected Michael Sacco as presi-



MTD Legal Counsel Howard Schulman (left) swears in the departments' officers who were re-elected. They are (from right) Jean F. Ingrao, executive secretary-treasurer, Michael Sacco, president, and William F. Zenga, vice president.



Delivering convention committee reports were (from left) George Kourpias, president of the Machinists; George F. Becker, vice president of the Steelworkers; Frank Hanley, president of the IUOE and John J. Sweeney, SEIU president.



MTD board member Jack Otero speaks out against the administration's trade agenda.



MTD Eastern Region V.P. Roman Gralewicz hits the floor microphone to make a nomination.

Lack of Gov't Recognition For WWII Mariners Decried

The vice president of the International Association of Machinists, who sailed during World War II as a merchant seaman, decried the lack of full recognition for mariners who served their country during that war during an MTD convention action adopting a resolution in support of extending the cutoff date for veterans' eligibility to the end of December 1946 instead of the current August 15, 1945 date.

Justin Ostro, who also serves as a vice president of the MTD, said it was shameful that our country had failed to recognize fully its merchant seamen who sailed during WWII. Ostro compared the actions of the U.S. government in this regard to those of the British, which he knew of first hand for he had been aboard a Liberty ship headed for the North Sea on May 9, 1945 when the ship received a message from the British government.

"The British Admiralty recognized at that precise moment in



Justin Ostro, Machinists Union official who sailed as a seaman in WWII, assailed the U.S. policy on recognition of merchant marine veterans of the war.

time what it has taken the United States government almost 45

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dent of the organization and returned Jean F. Ingrao as executive secretary-treasurer and William F. Zenga as vice president.

In a special report to the delegates, the MTD presented a detailed analysis of America's middle class. The department's report noted that "real personal wages are declining under relentless pressure." Citing data compiled by the Economic Policy Institute, a think-tank group based in Washington, D.C., the department reported the following:

- In inflation-adjusted terms, average hourly wages fell more than 9 percent between 1980 and 1989.
- Hourly benefits, such as pensions, health insurance and paid time off, fell by 13.8 percent between 1980 and 1989.

On the other hand, noted the MTD report, during the era of the Reagan and Bush administrations, the rich got richer. "According to the Congressional Budget Office, those in the middle of the income deciles, earning from \$28,000 to \$43,500, saw their pay drop by an average of 4 percent between 1977 and 1988. During the same period, those in the top 1 percent found their incomes rise by 49.8 percent."

The MTD convention delegates vowed to seek a fairer decade for workers in the 1990s and enacted a platform calling on rank-and-file trade unionists to get and stay active in politics in order to elect candidates sympathetic to the needs of working people.

The delegates enacted resolutions calling for the development of a comprehensive national infrastructure, reform of the country's troubled health care system and a series of economic policies designed to invigorate the economy.

Among the reports adopted by the delegates were the submissions of the MTD officers outlining the activities of the department for the past two years, a summary of the programs of the MTD's local affiliates—the maritime port councils—and a legislative review that went over the status of legislation pursued since the group's last convention.

MTD BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Delegates, participants and observers to the Maritime Trades Department convention represented 42 national and international unions, port maritime councils and local unions around the nation.

During the two-day biennial convention, delegates enacted a platform which calls for revitalizing the nation's economy as well as building up America's shipping capabilities.

Pictured on these two pages are many of the trade unionists who came from scores of unions to participate in the MTD's deliberations.



James McNamara, ILA



John Bowers, President, ILA



Richard Trumka, President, and Jerry Jones, Sec.-Treas., UMW



Owen Bieber, President, UAW



Virgil Casey and Larry Gregoire, Chemical Workers



Robert Meade, Chemical Workers



Michael McKay, District 2-MEBA



Gordon Spencer, District 2-MEBA



Franz E. Glen, Local 6, IBEW



Thomas G. Gary, Local 574 IBEW



Joseph Sacco, Exec. V.P., SIU



Marvin Markie, Pres., Sugar Workers



Frank Martino, Pres., and Angelo Russo, Ret., ICWU



Douglas Dority, V.P., UFCW



Cliff Valencianna, Glass Molders



Tim Moeller, District 2-MEBA



Raymond McKay, Pres., D2-MEBA



Paperworkers V.P. Jerry Johnston, Sec.-Treas. Jim Dunn and V.P. Mario Scarselletta



Jack Greenwood, Local 525 Plumbers



G. Barcom, Local 598; B. Horn, Local 811; A. Barksdale, Local 831; R. Baynes, Plumbers



J. Cordery, V.P., and Frank Carter, Secretary-Treasurer, Glass Molders Union



Dick LeBlanc and Lenore Miller, President, RWDSU



Thomas Gleason, Counsel, ILA



Teddy Gleason, Pres. Emeritus, ILA



Charles W. Jones, Pres., Boilermakers



Jerry Willburn, Boilermakers



Ande Abbott, Director, Boilermakers



J. Hatfield, Pres., Glass, Molders



V.P.'s J. Cordery, W. King, J. Rankin and G. Sheppard, Sec.-Treas. F. Carter, Glass Molders



Robert Brindza and Marilyn LeClaire, Int. V.P.'s, AFSCME



G. Boncoraglio, Int. V.P., AFSCME



Ed House, V.P., IAM



George Poulin, V.P., IAM



Judith C. Boyd, Steelworkers



Sig Lucassen, Pres., and Dave Holtman, Carpenters



Dick Cordtz, Sec.-Treas., SEIU



Vic Hansen, Labor Lawyer



William Wynn, President, UFCW



Jake West, President, International Association of Ironworkers



V. Panepinto, Pres., Plasterers, and J. Fay, SIU



Dominic Martell, Sec.-Treas., Plasterers



Lou Elesie, Carl Booker and Jim Norwood, Laborers International Union



Gerald Menapace, Sec.-Treas., UFCW



Lorenzo Cameron, Local 1408 ILA



Louie Bravo and Sam J. Caivano, Laborers International Union



Ed Harrington, IUOE Local 25



Waymon Stewart, South Fla. MTD



Jerry Owens, Asst. Gen. Organizer, ILA



John O'Gara, Vice-Pres., HERE



Douglas McCarron, Carpenters



James Kerlee, Carpenters



Terry Bodewes, Carpenters



James Moore, Carpenters



Martin Byrne, Ironworkers



R. Fanning, Local 17, Sheet Metal Workers



Kermet Mangram, Port Agent, SIU



Roy 'Buck' Mercer, V.P., SIU



George McCartney, West Coast, V.P., SIU, and Gunnar Lundberg, Pres., SUP



Henry 'Whitey' Disley, Pres., MFW

MTD BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Workers Need Fair Trade, Not Deals for Corporations, Say Former Labor Secretary and Canadian Minister

A viewpoint that trade is of vital significance for American workers was a centerpiece of the AFL-CIO Maritime Trades Department convention held last month in Detroit. Former Secretary of Labor in the Carter administration, Ray Marshall, put into precise terms the fears of Seafarers and other working people regarding the potential loss of American jobs resulting from any trade deal with Mexico.

Marshall characterized the current proposed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) as a mechanism for shifting capital, not equalizing trade. The U.S./Mexico/Canada trade talks, as currently being conducted by the Bush administration, are about the reinvestment of capital by American-based multinational corporations, and they are not about creating decent jobs for the workers in those countries, said the former secretary of labor who is also a noted economist and scholar.

Pursuit of Low Wages

"Each \$10 an hour job that goes to Mexico (from the United States) adds \$15,000 in (corporate) profits," Marshall noted. The multinational corporations want "to reduce the skills of workers to appendages of machines and weaken the collective bargaining of unions."

He said the North American trade deal would "accelerate the loss of U.S. and Canadian jobs" because corporations are pushing a "low wage policy." He added that the heads of state of the three nations have said the "market will take care of the workers and the countries. If we leave it up to the market, it will create lower wages, not higher wages. Business will maximize profits which are not in the interest to their countries."

Marshall added the problems faced in America today are similar to those faced by the country during the 1930s. He said unions through collective bargaining agreements helped to sustain the purchasing power of workers.

Need a Social Charter

"We need to develop a full-employment strategy, rebuild our infrastructure and provide incentives to develop a high wage strategy. We ought to tell corporations that if you don't provide an adequate wage, we don't want you. We need to discourage sweat shops, not encourage as we are doing" with the proposed free trade deal.

Another item Marshall said needs to be a part of any trade agreement is a social clause for workers similar to the one adopted by the European Community.

The social charter calls on the low wage countries of the European Community to bring their workers up to level enjoyed by their fellow workers in the other

member countries, according to Marshall and David Barrett, a minister in Canada's House of Commons.

"Europe is getting its act together," Barrett told the convention delegates. "In 1992, it is getting rid of low wages. This is a challenge to the U.S., Canada and Mexico to put the same charter on the table."

Barrett, joined by other members of the Canadian parliament, adjusted the U.S. Congress earlier this year not to extend fast track authority in trade negotiations because of the loss of jobs in Canada created by a 1988 pact between the U.S. and his country. He noted the job flight would continue moving south should the U.S. sign an agreement with Mexico.

"Corporate international capital is seeking out low-wage labor."

"The prospect of signing the current NAFTA with Mexico threatens what is left of the U.S.



Addressing the concerns of workers on trade were MTD convention speakers (from left) economist Ray Marshall, AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer Thomas R. Donahue and David Barrett, a member of the Canadian parliament.

middle-class and Canada," Barrett said. "We have to make sure the Trade Representative knows what is required." Thomas R. Donahue, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO, told the MTD. "They are not going to get away with a lousy agreement that gives away our jobs."

Congressman John Dingell (D-Mich.) informed the convention that the focus from the White House for the last 11 years has been abroad.

"We've coddled and curried favor around the world. For 11 years we have had presidents who have exported jobs," Dingell exclaimed. "They have not paid heed to the needs of Americans! The jobs are going because the things you have to do (to keep them in the U.S.) haven't been done for 11 dark, repressive years!"

"The administration should be concerned with America first. Something is radically wrong!" he added.

Speakers Call for Economic Rally in 1990s



Among the MTD convention speakers were (from left) Robert McGlotten, legislative director, AFL-CIO; Congressman John Dingell, and Diane Feinstein, former mayor of San Francisco.

The issues that concern the worker should set the nation's legislative agenda for the 1990s, was the rallying cry proclaimed by several of the speakers at the biennial convention of the MTD meeting in Detroit last month.

Health care, rebuilding the country's infrastructure (roads, schools and cities), pumping up the economy, allowing access to unemployment compensation to those in need and preventing the replacement of striking workers by scabs, will have to be addressed by politicians if they want the support of working people, said the speakers, who were both elected officials and trade unionists.

"The people of this country are waking up and they don't like what they see," Thomas R. Donahue, AFL-CIO secretary-treasurer told the convention delegates who represent 42 trade unions and 8.5 million workers. "People want a better life than they have."

Concerning a national health care policy, Congressman John Dingell (D-Mich.) announced to the MTD, "George Bush can go to Walter Reed (Army Hospital)

for his annual check-up, but there are 37 million Americans with no health insurance. There are an additional 30 million Americans who have partial and inadequate health care."

Dingell pointed out the German republic under Bismarck adopted a national health policy in 1870, while King Edward instituted England's in 1905.

"We are the only industrialized country with no health care program!" the congressman added. If things do not change, Dingell stated "by the year 2050, 50 cents of every dollar spent in this country will be on health care."

Dingell noted that Reagan and Bush had turned the United States from the world's largest creditor to the world's largest debtor nation. The congressman stated, "Bush has given us a recession that ranks with 1929." He added the national debt is nearly five times the size it was before the Reagan-Bush era.

"It is time Washington and the administration know what has to be done is to look after our own people," Dingell said.

Donahue said the country is in

the thralls of a "silent depression." He noted wages have decreased in the U.S. for five straight years. "Weekly wages in 1990 buy 20 percent less than they did in 1972."

He quoted candidate George Bush in 1988 as promising to create 30 million new jobs in eight years. "As of last year, 159,000 new jobs have been created," Donahue pointed out. "At this rate, it would take 570 years and eight months to create all those jobs!"

"We have to address the issues through politics. We have to have candidates on which we can rely. We need to get as much support as we can for S. 55 (the striker replacement bill before the Senate)," Donahue told the gathering. "Business says 'don't disturb the balance.' But that was not raised in 1947 with Taft-Hartley and in 1959 with Landrum-Griffin."

"We are supposed to believe a balance exists. I'd settle for the balance of 1938 (when the pro-labor Wagner Act was passed)."

"The issues of working people are issues politicians can run on," Robert McGlotten, director of the AFL-CIO Department of Legislation, told the delegates. "We are not going to sit idly by and let (the politicians and corporate America) set the agenda. We are going to do what we do best—organize."

Former mayor of San Francisco, Diane Feinstein, who is running for an open senate seat in California, said, "We need a comprehensive maritime policy that levels the playing field, that smashes unfair trading practices and barriers, and that assures the survival of America's merchant marine."

Seafarers Send Holiday Greetings

From ships and from their homes, SIU members and their families have sent holiday greetings to their loved ones and shipmates. They appear on this page and the following three pages. The greetings are listed in alphabetical order by the name of the individual sending the message.



To all members and officials

To the Brotherhood of the Sea, my family and I wish you all a healthy and joyous holiday season.

Ed Abualy

To my husband Lito

Sending you all my love this holiday. Mahal, thank you for everything you have done for me and for being there when I needed you.

Luzviminda Acosta

To my wife, Becky, and children, Joseph, Patricia, William, Robert Jr., Harry and Nancy. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a trouble free New Year. Consider this greeting your Christmas present.

Robert Adams

To all Curtis Bay Towing Co. friends and crewmembers in Baltimore from 1949-1987. Happy holidays to you and your loved ones. I now live in Hartford Co. (301) 893-3941.

Andrew Adams

To all Seafarers

I live proud of being a member of Seafarers. Wishing all of the Seafarers and their families utmost joy and God's blessings, from a retired member.

Faustino Alejandro

To Willie Mitchell

May you have the happiest of holidays. Just don't wreck the caddy.

Lisa Allard

To Valente

Bah Humba!!

Allard

To the SIU leadership, to all brothers

Thanks for having a union that takes care of all seamen, and to all our union leaders who make these dreams come true, thanks.

Lorenzo Alvarado

To all retired Seafarers

Hope you all have a very nice holiday coming up. Merry X-Mas and a Happy New Year.

William Alvaro

In memory of my beloved husband, Scott Anderson

You will be missed these holidays, by us all. Happy holidays to all his union brothers.

Marguerite Anderson

To all former shipmates

Happy holidays to all and their families. Wishing you a safe and prosperous New Year.

Tiny Anderson

To all B&D RR Marine pensioners in the New York area

I wish you a healthy, happy and joyful holiday.

Stephen J Andras

To all Seafarers

Wishing you a joyous holiday season, and may God's richest blessings be with you as you keep up the good work.

Joseph Arch

To Casimiro Ramos

I always remember you: Mi amigo Casimiro desde nuestros. Viajes juntos, en el S/S Rice Queen. Nunca olvido tu amistad, felicitaciones.

Angel Aroche

To Robert Natividad

Cuz, how's Tony in Long Beach? I hope Mt. Pinatubo didn't damage your house in Alangapo. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to family from SS LNG Leo.

Gene Aruta

To all Seafarers

I retired as a wheelsman in 1973 on the MV Nicolet. My wife and I wish to send our greetings to my former shipmates.

Andrew Aspeter

To all Seafarers and their families

Me and my wife would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless you.

Paul & Donna Aubain

To J. Roy Von Holden

May your Christmas geese be plentiful. Wishing you a splendid holiday.

Lisa A

To Mom and Pop

The boatswain wants to know where you went wrong. Have a joyous holiday and save those presents for me. Bet mom loved her chain-fall.

Lisa A



To all SIU members

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I'm really enjoying my retirement. May God bless you and the SIU.

J.D. Babin

To Douglas Avery Clark

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Douglas. I love you and miss you very much. Hope to be with you soon. All my love,

Lola S. Bailey

To all Seafarers

Enjoying my retirement. Doing a lot of traveling, fishing and hunting. May you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mike Bakos

To all

Holiday greetings to all Seafarers, Joe Sacco and family, George McCartney and the whole union staff. Joe, I appreciate your letter. Thank you. I served with honor in the Air Force and the SIU.

Sal Barbara

To all members of the SIU

Happy holiday and good wishes. May all enjoy the SIU like I did. Special greetings to all I sailed and worked with.

Arthur (Archie) Beck

To all Seafarers, members and their families

Greetings!

Percival Belgrave

To the Steward Department

Smithy, who worked on Lurline Liner. Gil Rodriguez, Don Moss, Gentry and Tom Tom. Shipmates who all worked with me on Victories and Cargo ships. Merry Christmas!

Russ Bell

To all my friends and family

Merry Christmas to all sea goers and Happy New Year. God bless you all.

Tommy (T.Man) Belvin

To all SIU Seafarers everywhere

Thanks, SIU, for the opportunity for me to wish all Seafarers everywhere a Merry X-Mas and a Happy New Year, plus good health and smooth sailing.

Frederick Benedict

To Mose Herrow, Hank Taylor, Larry Gee, Joe Williams and all retirees and their families

May your holidays and the New Year be the happiest and best that you have ever enjoyed before.

Clarence Benjamin

To all Seafarers and their families

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy New Year.

Whitely, Miriam & Alex Benzuk

To all Seafarers

I wish all a happy Christmas and New Year.

Henry Braudussi

To all

President Sacco, his staff and those at Piney Point, and all Seafarers—You deserve many happy holidays for you have served us well; and personally for 48 years at sea and have kept me alive another ten. May you enjoy smooth sailing and a Merry Christmas with a happy and prosperous New Year.

John Blank 3rd

To the SIU

I'm writing these brief words to thank you for the help that I have received from you. May the Lord bless you and the organization. I wish you and your families a prosperous holiday.

Felix Bonafont

Greetings to all Seafarers

With warm greetings and renewed hopes for peace, contentment and joy in the coming year.

Andrew and Jane Boney

To my father Rafael and the Bonafont family

I wish we all can be together for all the holiday season, but we can't, so I wish all the best this holiday.

Elias Bonafont

To the oyo-oyo's and anting-anting gangs of Hawaii crewmembers

I hope someday we'll work all together again gang. Just don't forget batch 87-90 oyo-oyo guys of the galley. Nice working with you guys.

Dante D. Bongolan

To all Seafarers, retired and active

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to my co-workers. Would like to hear from you, (504)532-2500.

Dudley A. Bonvillian

To Scottie Aubusson, all port agents and Seafarers

May good health, happiness and prosperity be yours this holiday season, followed with smooth sailing in '92. Remembering you always.

Gerry Borozan

To all former MC&S Seafarers

Holiday greetings to all my shipmates. Living now at 2078 Madrona Street, North Bend, Ore. 97459.

Ernest Bossom

To sailors of class #458

Happy holidays and smooth sailing to the sailors of class 458 wherever you are.

William Boyd

To Douglas Laughlin and Jayson Gingrich

Have a nice Christmas at sea from your son and stepfather. Let's ship together next year. Warm regards to my old bosuns and shipmates.

Evan Bradley

To Cross Harbor Railroad employees and retirees

May the wondrous spirit of this holy season shine in your heart all through the years. Seasons greetings to all.

Frederick Breimunn

To Sean S. Hanley

Christmas won't be the same without my favorite Santa. Especially since he is my life, my love, my OAO, my everything. I'll love you always.

Jill-Marie Brittain

To all Seafarers

I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the union, officials (active and retired) and all their families.

George Brooks

To all of my ex-shipmates

Hope this to be your best Christmas ever.

Travis H. Brewer Jr.

To the SIU

Happy holidays to all my brothers and sisters still on ships who remember me. I am Rae Brucato now retired. I was a beautician in gift shop, and keeper on all our cruise ships. I now live at 139 Tiburon Blvd., San Pedro, Calif.

Rae Brucato

To my son Vicente Jr., Peggy Reyes and Lisa Burgos

Les deoco unas felices navidades y un prospero año nuevo y que Dios me los bendiga a los tres y nietos Edwinito, Joana, Julito, Melissa, este mensaje se lo agradezco al periodico de la union el LOG. Gracias.

Vicente Burgos

To Mom, Ray, Kathleen, Frances, Greg, Clifford and Elsie

Ben, Al, Louis, Byron, Helen, Virginia, Micky, Sandy, Laginess, McNabb, Richard, Eddy Danashefski. Health and happiness to all. The ghost of Christmas past remembers...

Bill Burke

To former shipmates

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year—Bob Crotty, Byron Kelley and all. Retirement is great. Thanks. All the family is well.

Timothy Burke

To all Seafarers

Anchor of faith in the storm. Open your bibles at Chapter 1 John vs. 2:4 - 3:4 - Mark 2:28 and Luke 4:16. Merry Christmas my dearest brothers and sister.

Iverson Burns

To Sharon Ortiz

Wish you a beautiful holiday and all the best to you and your family because Christmas is extra special, just like you!

Forrest Fred Burris

To Frederick Paul Sanchez

Fred P. Sanchez!! Falcon Princess Now that I have your attention... Have a Merry Christmas. Love,

Yvonne, Mike, Victoria and Dylan

To all Seafarers

I am hoping that all my brothers of the Seafarers, retired and active, will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gaetano Busciglio

To fellow seamen

Holiday wishes to all my shipmates. Special thanks to Seafarers LOG, Burial at Sea article on our husband/brother. Together again one day.

Nina and Bobby Butts



To all Seafarers

Merry Christmas and smooth sailing through the New Year. Keep faith in your union and may God keep you in his care. Sincerely,

Raoul Cabrera

To my old shipmates, active or retired

Arne Bjorsson, John Davies, Rundblad Brothers, Nick Brancato, Please Write: 716 Springdale Ave., East Orange, N.J. 07017-1621.

Neal Cairns

To all my former shipmates from APL and Matson passenger ship days

Seasons greetings and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year.

Scotty Cairns

To all Seafarers and shipmates

Merry Christmas and a joyous, Happy New Year.

Tony Caldeira

To retired and active seamen

Wishing seamen and their families a Merry Xmas and very Happy New Year. May the Lord bless all.

James L. Calhoun

To all SIU members and families

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Cancela

To baby C. Christopher and daughter Ida, Percy & Dollie K.

Happy holidays!

Cruz Tony Canedo

To all my Seafarer brothers, executives and staff in San Francisco and Maryland

Warmest Aloha of holiday greeting. God's love and blessings to you and yours.

Feliciano Phil Canon

To my old shipmates and our president and his staff

Wishing you a happy and enjoyable holiday season. You are doing an excellent job. Keep up the good work.

Horace Carmichael

To faculty members and families

Dear brothers and sisters: Holiday greetings, good health, and best wishes to all.

E.C. Carpenter

To Hershel A. Orlando

Dear Orlando, long time friend, shipmate, hope you and Betsie are doing as well as can be, health & otherwise. Have a happy holiday.

Charles A. Carr

To Robert P. Carson Jr.

Merry, Merry Christmas with good health & happiness for the coming year. Love you lots,

Ma & Pa (Ruth and Robert Carson)

To Rachel E. Carson

Rachel, I want you to know that I love you and miss you. Also, that I wish that I could be with you this holiday season.

Daddy (Robert P. Carson Jr.)

Bosun Ben Veiner & family

Want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. You're a good friend and shipmate. Thanks for the care package.

Robert P. Carson Jr.

To Robert P. Carson Jr.

Bobby, Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year! Love,

Ging (Ruthann Carson)

To Sra Rosario Colon Castell

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jose M. Castell

To all my former shipmates, retired members and family

Merry Christmas and many good wishes for the coming year.

Eugene (Gene) Castillo

To all my brothers and sisters

Be glad you have a job, stick with it, things are getting bad. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

James Catania

To Richard J. McConnell, Charles R. Johnson and Rafael Rios

Here's wishing my brother seamen a happy holiday from the Chacon family. And to George Bronson on shore gang in Oakland, Calif., Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

Lou Chacon

To all Seafarers

Happy holidays to all. Thanks to the Seafarers Union for your support for 31 years retirement, pay and help.

Carter Carl Chambers

To fellow Seafarers

Seasons greetings and best wishes to all my old friends. I am now at 20 Josiah in San Francisco, 94112. Please write.

Ping King Chang

To all my shipmates

Seasons greetings from an old Great Lakes and salt water sailor.

Bert J. Chapman

To all SIU brothers

Also, officials and employees at Camp Springs and Piney Point best wishes, good health and happiness this holiday season.

Herbert C. Cal Chatham and wife

To everyone associated with Seafarers and families

Holiday greetings and best wishes to all. May God bless everyone in these sacred holidays. Peace and Love.

Sze Ju Chen

To all my Seafarers friends, both retired and sailing

I wish you all the best, with health and happiness to all.

Dan Joe Cherry Jr

To John B. Harris

Wishing you and your family a happy holiday and on your retirement. I still think of the good old days down in Norfolk. Good health!

John N. Chiorra

To all active and retired members on the Great Lakes

A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to all the retired members that I have worked with in this great union.

Willie W. Cichock

To Karen Fensel

Mele Kalikimaka Haeoli Makahiki Ho! Hope your holidays are full of fun and laughter. Keep smiling!
Donna DeCesare

To Tommy Kleins

Mele Kalikimaka Haeoli Makahiki Ho! I love you Tommy. Hope we are together soon
Donna DeCesare

To Don Montoya

Christmas time comes and goes but my love for you always grows. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, hon. Hopefully I am right by your side during the holiday season. Love always,
Donna DeCesare

To Wiggie Reyes

Mele Kalikimaka Haeoli Makahiki Ho! Hope you are enjoying the many wonders of the world. Love you,
Donna DeCesare

To retired Seafarers

Joe DeCincque wishes all old friends a happy holiday. I'm doing well at my new residence, 1331 Garrison Rd., Vineland, N.J. 08360; (609) 794-8288.
Joseph DeCincque

To Mr. & Mrs. C.S. DeLatto

Am praying for a happy holiday for all the family. But mostly for my Mom to get well and then we will all be very happy. Your son,
Tommy (Thomas DeLatto)

To new Seafarers

It might be a hard way to make a living but at the end when you retire you will feel you accomplished a well done job.
Julius D. Delgado

To ex-shipmates and union brothers

With the greatest joy I send greetings and happiness to all my ex-shipmates and union brothers aboard, beyond the seas all over the world. Happiest X-mas.
Pedro DelValle

To Douglas DeMonte

Merry Christmas on the high seas. Loved and missed by all. Hope to see you soon.
Sandra and the kids

To Mrs. Bertha DePalma

I love you Big Bertha. Your merchant marine hero.
Charles DePalma

To John Holtschlag

Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year! Your Bainbridge Island family misses you.
Neil, Sally, Sarah and Ted Deitz

To my union officials, members and brothers

I am sending my sincere love and greetings to my union members and brothers those that retired and those that still work and their families. And those who are in the hospital, I wish them a speedy recovery. And to the LOG officials, many greetings to them for the wonderful work that they have done for years. I wish you all prosperity and happiness for the years to come.
Hezekiah Donovan

To all my longtime friends & fellow Seafarers

A very Merry Christmas and our best wishes for every happiness in the coming New Year.
Antonio L. and Angela Dos Santos

To Mr. and Mrs. Torrie Kidd

Sincere wishes for a happy holiday. Everyone here is fine. Love to Torrie and Katawha. Call me at (301) 566-4113.
Mrs. Vernon Douglas

To all Seafarers

Happy holidays to all Seafarers, active and retired. We belong to a great union. We want it to keep getting better as the years roll on.
John Doyle

To all our officials and their families

Love to all and our retired brothers. Happy holidays.
Curtis Ducote

To all Seafarers

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a blessed New Year!
Helen Drugavon

To all Seafarers from 1947 to 1959 and beyond

Many happy holidays to all of you and our great union, none better to my many friends and company workers throughout the last 32 years.
Michael J. Dunn

**To Persian Gulf crew on SS Cape Avinof**

Happy holiday, guys! You deserve it. Enjoyed sailing with you all. Best to you and yours in the New Year.
Sam and Doug Eadie

To SIU officers and staff

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Seafarers International Union, more power.
Gill C. Ebon

To all Seafarers

Wishing you all a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!!!
Marcelo I. Einar

To Seafarers and all families and Joe Sacco

Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. To all, I say thanks for all you have done and will do in the future. All the dealings I have had with the union have been good thank you. Have a happy holiday to all.
Kathryn Ellison

To Seafarers members

Me and my family would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Joseph English

To all Seafarers

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also to all SIU officers & personnel.
Thomas J. Esposito

To Bob and Mari Vonne Hyams

Thanks for all your support and patience. Have a Happy Christmas. Your son,
Sean L. Essex

To all my Seafarer brothers & family (retired & inactive duty)

Wishing you all the blessings of X-mas. May you all receive in your hearts the presence of our saviour who loves us all very much.
Basilio Estrella

To all my shipmates

I wish all my shipmates a healthy X-mas and a safe New Year.
H.A. (Johnie) Etzel Sr.

**To all at headquarters**

Joe Sacco, our President Michael Sacco and all office workers at union hall, Camp Springs. I want to wish a very Merry Christmas and a very pleasant New Year to all at headquarters. My wife Agnes sends her greetings to all you folks.
Lawrence G. Fagan

To Gary Fain, son Eric Manley, nephew Charles (Red) Powers, friends and all Seafarers

To all the above, I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Gary and Eric, it's your deal, and to Charles, hi.
Betty Fain

To all Seafarers

My old friends and shipmates of the years gone by, best wishes for the holidays wherever you may be. God bless you all.
John Fanoli

To Adrian and Jessica Farquhar

Sorry couldn't be with both of you this Christmas. Mommy couldn't help it. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year! Be good to each other. I love you very much.
Florie Farquhar

To R. Giannini

Hope you're having fun, especially this coming holiday season. Take care of yourself. Love always,
F. Farquhar

To all former shipmates whosoever dispersed

Have a joyful and healthy holiday season. After 44 years at sea I have many fond memories to reflect upon.
Mr. and Mrs. John Zero Fedesovich

To all Seafarers

Seasons greetings to all. May the holidays bring you happiness through the coming years. A special holiday greeting to all my friends in Seattle, Wash.
Christos Ferroux

To all my shipmates I sailed with during my 40 years of going to sea.

Best wishes to all of you this holiday season.
Tommy Ray Fillingim Sr.

To all Seafarers

Having a great retirement in London. Was just in Rotterdam and Fernis, no ships in. Smooth sailing to you all.
Erik Whitey Fischer

To Elmer W. Rushing

The best of health to an old seafarer's friend.
James C. Flippo

To all Seafarers

We both wish every member of the SIU, on land or sea, a happy holiday because we are the world, we are the children. Thanks, SIU, for being here.
Arthur and Elizabeth Fontaine

To old shipmates on the Alcoa Cavalier '47-'48, Puerto Rico '50-'51

Warmest regards and best wishes for good health. To those who have passed on, rest in peace. To all, my thanks for happy shipboard days.
Jim Foti

To all Seafarers

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Let me hear from past shipmates. My address is 1515 Alonzo St., Jonesboro, Ark. 72401.
Ben Fratello

To all my friends

A great big hello, and to all of you who still go to sea, I hope you all have smooth sailing. With me, I am still going fishing, this is the way it is.
Now I am old, my slippers are black. I walk to the corner and puff my way back. The reason I know my youth has been spent my get up and go has got up and went. But I really don't mind when I think with a grin of all the grand places my get up has been. Since I have retired from life's competition I find every day an exact repetition. I get up each morn and dust off my wits, grab for the paper and read the obits. If my name is missing I know I'm not dead, so I eat a big breakfast and go back to bed.
Jack French

To all hands

Merry X-mas and a happy, prosperous New Year.
Floyd W. Fritz

To fellow shipmates and retirees

It's been wonderful working with you. I am now enjoying the Seafarers Pension Plan. Enjoy life. You will miss it when it's over.
Luther Gudson

To co-workers 1946 to 1980

A Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year to you and your families. Miss you all.
Jesus V. Garcia

To my family, friends and Seafarers

Wish everyone Merry Christmas, healthy New Year and peaceful and prosperous future. For my wife, Sharon. I'll be home for Christmas. Celebrate His birth.
Robert F. Garcia

To Seafarers International Union

In the name of brotherhood, I want to thank all the members for my pension checks, without which I couldn't survive since my husband's death.
Martha R. Gardner

To my wife, Connie, and Joshua and Jason

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, sweetheart. With all my love.
Jimmie (Garner)

To SIU

To all my friends and shipmates. Merry X-mas to all.
Raymond K. Gurner

To all my SIU shipmates

Merry X-mas and Happy New Year. I miss you all and being aboard SIU ships. Write me and I'll answer you.
Donato Giangiordano

To crew and staff on SS Constitution and SS Independence

Seasons greetings and a happy and prosperous New Year to all.
Ernie Gibbons

To all Seafarers that I have sailed with

A very Merry Xmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.
David C. Gilmore

To all Seafarers

As a retired charter member from 1938, I send a greeting to all.
Michael Gison

To Ruth Gladney

Honey, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Wish I could be there. Love,
Jimmy (James Gladney)

To Devin L. Glossin

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, babe! Always remember that my love for you remains as permanent as our tattoo. Arohani, your wife forever.
Tracy L. Glossin

To MC & S and pensioners

Greetings for the best of holidays. Hope this message finds all of you in the best of health.
Joe Goren

To all my brothers and sisters

We are truly blessed this holiday season. Living in a great country and members of the greatest union. Happy holiday.
Jack Gottlieb

To all Seafarers

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. To all crewmembers, a holiday greeting. Hope that everything goes right on the holiday and the days you are all at sea.
William A. Graves

To members of the SIU

I wish the very best to you. May you be filled with Christmas cheer and enjoy His blessings throughout the year!
Joseph Leroy Gray

To Piney Point admissions and Manpower

Happiest holidays to all and best wishes in the New Year.
Candy Man (James Gregory)

To Albert Anthony Grillo

I miss you. I love you. Merry Christmas. You are the very best. I wish I could give you a present right now.
Gayle Grillo

To Al Grillo

Merry Christmas, Dad, and Happy New Year. Where's my automatic car? I got my permit!! X-mas on the cruise ship. Love,
Adj (Grillo)

To SS Atlantic American Banner Line '57

When Paul Hall appointed me head waiter on the post SIU passenger ship Atlantic, recommended by Ed Mooney, Joe DiGiorgio, Frank Mongelli and Red Campbell. I was elated to no end and wish to extend X-mas greetings to all former crewmembers.
Walter Grosvenor

To my family

Holiday greetings to my daughters, Anita and Sandra, and my wife, Mary, and friend, Vince Ratcliff, and to all members, ex-shipmates and officials. Yours sincerely,
Len Grove

To all active Seafarers, retirees and union officials

Wish all happy holidays and a healthy New Year.
Antonio Guillen

**To all**

Setting in the ole rocking chair. Pain! times a bit hard to bear. Seafarer retiree benefits the most Christmas cheers and New Year's toast! Smooth sailing. God bless
Eugene R. Hall

To Mittle, J.W. and Tasha Jernigan

May the peace of Jesus be yours this holiday season. Good will toward all. I miss you all.
Jamie Hall

To Seafarers and their families, retired members and families

A retired member and family sends holiday greetings and a Happy New Year to all.
Jacob C. Hammond

To all Seafarers

I hope all Seafarers have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
Isaac Perry Hancock

To all Seafarers

I am certainly glad and proud to be a retired member of the SIU, and God bless you all!
Donald C. Henderson

To all my Seafaring friends

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and may God bless you all in the year of 1992 and all the coming years.
Frederick C. Hansen Jr.

To Winifera and Ray Harper

I pray you have a Merry, Merry X-mas and be joyful in the Lord always. Love you,
James E. Harper

To all Seafarers and to all the members who worked on the Eagle Point in the Philadelphia Harbor

Hope you and your families have a happy holiday and a wonderful new year.
James M. Hassell

To all my friends I've shipped with before

Happy holidays to you and your families. I hope to see you all again. Since I got married and quit shipping for 14 years, some people might think I died or something. But I'm single and back shipping, so don't be surprised if you see me coming up the gangway.
Jerome R. Haymaker

To Natco Dredge crewmen

Retired 3/1/91, heart attack and open heart surgery 5/16/91. Now healthy and happy, hope to enjoy a few good years. Give me a call (813) 884-2926.
Floyd Haynes

To all my ex-shipmates and union officials

Holiday greetings and sincere thanks to Seafarers Welfare for all your help at sea and ashore.
Reiko and Myron Healdman

To shipmates and families

Also to John Fay and union officials—Heff hopes all of my shipmates and their families have a good and happy holiday and best wishes for everyone.
Rich and Olive Heffley

To Ben and George Henderson

The nicest thing about Christmas is family. We care and remember and love no matter how far away you are. Merry Christmas.
Wilhelmina Henderson and family

Baker Whitely men

Wish you holiday greetings.
Bob Henninger Sr.

To all my old friends

A happy, healthy 1992. Come to our reunion picnic so we can see and enjoy each other again (Sept. 13, 1992).
Jackie Henriksen

To all Seafarers and families and SIU hall in Houston

Gene Taylor, Bo James, Dean, Joe Perez to name a few. Happy holidays. Godspeed to one and all.
Milly Hess

To all Seafarers and SIU and #50 Dist. (Norfolk)

Holiday greetings to all. Thank you for giving us security and contentment in our retirement years. God bless you!
Gardner Hruvit

To all retired members

Holiday greetings. I would like to hear from you. I now live at Rt. 2, Box 2213, Melrose Fla. 32666; (904) 475-5988. I am doing great and hope that you are too. Please call or write. Love and respect,
Raymond F. Holder

To Matthew Kenn Holley

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Matt and fellow shipmates aboard SS Carthage.
Mom and Dad Holley

To Seafarers International Union

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Seafarers and their families.
Leonard C. Hope

To Seafarers

Best wishes to all Seafarers in the world for a special holiday season. Seafarers are special people; they deserve the best.
Hubert (Red) House

To all Seafarers

Been retired for 9 years. Enjoying my vegetable garden and bargain hunting at flea markets, but miss sailing from Boston. Best wishes to you all.
John Frenchie Hubbard

To other retired members of President Lines ships

Retired these many years but though partially blind, have some great memories of our times together, some of the best years of my life. Cheers.
Henry H. Huber

To all Seafarers whom I worked with

Mele Kaliki Maka and Haole Maka Hiki Hou. Please write and stop by if you have a chance. I sure miss you guys. 2036 4th St., San Rafael, Calif. 94901.
Donovan Hughes

To MC&S retirees I sailed with on MCS-Passenger Cruise Service Matson - Pacific Far East - American President and Moore McCormack Freighters June 1959-1978

What's happening? 13801 So. Vermont, Gardena, Calif. 90247-2096.
Wydeell W. Hollywood Hughes

To Morty Tashman

They say it is better to give than receive, so I suggest you give me the \$150 you owe me before you receive a knot on your head.
Buster Hyman

**To Jim Anderson**

Merry Christmas, dude. Haven't heard from you in a while. Any members that know Jim, tell him to write Mike Ingram, P.O. Box 265, Lynnwood, Wash. 98046.
Mike Ingram

To the crew of the cable ship Charles Brown

Wishing you all a Mele Kalikimaka and Haeoli Makahiki Hev. Aloha. P.S. Can I please come back?
Brian Isenstadt

**To all**

Happy Holidays to all Seafarers and their families who I had the privilege to know and work with during the year of 1950-1987.
Jimmie L. Jackson

To families, members and friends

Hi, my loved ones. I hope these words find you all in good health and spirit. Just like to say Merry Christmas and a peace, joy and loving New Year. Love,
Chris Jasmin

To MC&S shipmates

Holiday greetings to my MC&S shipmates and to all the old men of the sea.
Holger Swede Jensen

To all SIU members

Greetings. Wishing you the best of the holiday season and the coming year.
Eduniger De Jesus

To friends of Mr. Herbert Brandon

Mr. Herbert Brandon, retired MC&S, is in a convalescent home, paralyzed with stroke, cannot use legs. Would like to hear from anyone who knew him. Terrace View Convalescent Center, Room 209-3, 1701 18th Ave. So., Seattle, Wash 98144.
Edsel M. Johns

To all SIU members and their families

Holiday greetings from the family of the late Arnold F. Johnson who passed away Nov. 17, 1990.
Hawaina Johnson

To Vivian S. Johnson

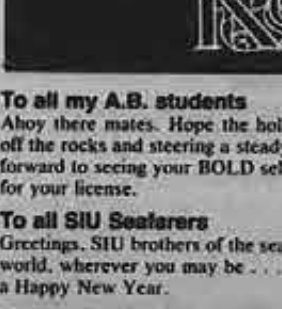
To the world's best mom! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Michael M. Johnson

To all retired members

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, happy retirement.
Melvin H. and Lizzie B. Jones

To all Seafarers and office personnel

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a happy prosperous New Year. God bless and keep you.
Morris J. Jorgensen

**To all my A.B. students**

Ahoy there mates. Hope the holiday season finds you off the rocks and steering a steady course. I am looking forward to seeing your BOLD selves in '92 at the Point for your license.
Jake T. Karaczynski

To all SIU Seafarers

Greetings, SIU brothers of the sea and all seamen of the world, wherever you may be... Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
William Karpiak

To Mrs. Rose Hall</

To all of my old shipmates

Season's greetings to all my old shipmates. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

John E. Kennedy (Pee-Wee)

To Seafarers International Union

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to a special department head that we've had for so long. Also, to all Seafarers, retired and active and their families.

Jack D. Kennedy

Ms. Annie Kennedy

From your dad, John H. Kennedy. Live and doing well, hope you and all of the family the same.

John H. Kennedy

To all our shipmates and officials of the SIU

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Percy and Dottie Kennedy

To all my old buddies and shipmates

Still living. A happy holiday season, and pray for all of us each day.

Leonard Kennedy (Pee-Wee)

To shipmates of Sabine Towing Co. in Texas

From the rolling hills of Pennsylvania, where the wild turkey and deer roam. The snow is deep and people are friendly.

Robert L. Kerper

To all brothers and sisters at sea

With warmest good wishes and Christmas greetings from the crew of the OS Joyce.

Victor Kerszenewicz

To all Seafarers

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Those of you who remember, called me Ralph, sailed bosun.

Torolf Kismul

To H.G.P.

Mike, Joe, and family, J. Fay, all staff at headquarters. Ken, Bob, Miles & family, all staff at Piney Point, Jack Caffey and family, all staff at port of New York.

William (Flat-Top) Koflowitch

To all

Best wishes for the holiday season to all my former shipmates and friends in the SIU and Sea-Land shore gang. Special regards to the port of New York.

Stanislav Kolasa

To the Crew of Cape Romaine

Harold Thompson, John Holland, Andrew Adams, Johnny Goodman and retired friends of Curtis Bay Towing God be with you and all. Happy holidays. Your friend,

Joseph L. Krause

To all Seafarers

Season's greetings to all the guys I sailed with and the rummy players at the San Francisco hall and the SIU officials.

Steve Kravich

To all SIU members, active and retired

Wishing all Seafarers and families a happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Stephen B. Kutzer

**To all retired shipmates**

Wishing you a happy holiday season and a happy retirement.

Robert Lackey

To Seafarers and families and SIU and families

Happy holidays to all seamen, retired and serving now with all SIU ships.

Henry Leroy Laird

To John P. Hoskins

Hello, sweetie. I hope you have a great holiday season. Please get in touch with me. I would really like to talk to you.

Annie Marie Lunphar

To all retired Seafarers

Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous year to come. I have enjoyed my retirement years very much, thanks to SIU.

John F. Latimer

To all active and retired SIU

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families the happiest of holiday seasons.

Edward Leasgang

To shipmates

Season's Greetings to shipmates off the Arbor Seafarers. May the Lord bless each and everyone of you.

Ernest Leckrepp

To retired Marine Railroad friends

Christmas and holiday greetings to all my retired Marine Railroad friends wherever you may reside.

Henry L. Lee

Frank Lelia

Merry Christmas, sweetheart. Even though we are apart, you are in my heart. We are in this together. Can't wait to see you. BE HAPPY! I love and miss you, we are all fine. Hope your journey is what you want it to be. Love,

Laura Lelia

To Frank Lelia & crewmembers of 1st LT Bonnyman

A special holiday greeting to my husband Frank Lelia. Merry Christmas. I love you, can't wait till you come home. All other mates have a happy holiday. Come home safe.

Laura Lelia

To Brother Peter Patrick

Season's greetings to you and family and wishing you the best for the years to come, from all of us at PRMMI shore gang, Eliz., N.J.

Anthony Leo

To all my students and shipmates

Best of holiday wishes. May the New Year find you smooth seas and good friends.

Russell Russ Levin

To all Seafarers active and retired

Blessings on all aware of the reason for the season. Steady as she goes! My address is 225 N. Robey, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923-4929.

Thurston John Lewis

Bobby & Viddy Llanes and kids

A joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all. Your brother,

Randy Llanes

To friends and Seafarers

I would like to wish all my friends from my seafaring days and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from my family also.

Nils H. Lindsjo

To all SIU officials

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Wish you all many, many more!!! Keep the quality process in motion.

Paul P. Lopez

To SIU brothers, active and retired, and their families

Here's wishing all our SIU brothers a happy, healthy, prosperous holiday and many, many, many more!!!!

Paul P. Lopez

To Seafarers

I am sending my best wishes to all retired, full members of this great union. Thank President Mike Sacco for a job well done in my part. Many, many wishes to him. Thanks to all of you.

S. S. Sant Lopez

To all ex-tugboat and retired men of Philadelphia

Hope everybody has a good holiday and is doing OK!

Vic Lotiniak

To all retired SIU members

Merry Christmas to you all. Am enjoying my retirement at 8700 E. University, Space 1017, Mesa, Ariz. 85207. I remember the good times. Stay healthy.

Gordon N. Luce

To all

Joe Sacco, Ed Pulver, Pat McGinley Merry Christmas to all SIU mates. Hope to see you some day.

Jim Lynch

**To Korron Lee Maduro**

Wishing you the very best of Christmas holidays. Merry Christmas to your family and mine. Love you all, especially you, Mrs. Korron and Lee Maduro.

Mark JuJu Maduro

To Sonia Franco & family, Benigno Fernandez Garcia

Thank you for being in my life always. Especially when I look up, the stars so brilliant and knowing you see them too.

Marco Maffioli

To all the old steward department members

Merry X-mas and the best of everything to all my former shipmates in the Pacific Northwest.

Bob Mackeen

To MIMO Mageed

I hope the Holiday Season finds you in good health. I'll see you at Piney Point. Happy holidays and New Year.

Nick Mageed

To all Seafarers

Holiday greetings to all the Seafarers that I worked with during my 30 years sailing career.

Clifton Mainers

To Seafarers, retired, active and their families

It isn't just the memories that warm the days ahead, but the joy of knowing each and every one of our friends and shipmates. Happy New Year and Merry X-mas to all.

Fannie C. Malre

To SIU staff

Michael Sacco and staff Wishing you and your staff a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Thanking you for all that you do for active and retired seamen.

Geraldine R. Maldonado

To Terry C. Morton

We miss you & love you. You are my Santa, so we'll have Christmas when we're together next. Hold on to our dreams!

Terri & Manda

To all retirees

To all my retired shipmates. Merry X-mas and happy holidays. I realize that it is an honor to be an SIU member. Without them at 73 and disabled, this wouldn't be possible.

Juan Manuel Collazo (Manolin)

To all my former shipmates and union officials

My family and I wish you and yours the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years.

Bill Marion

To former and retired Seafarers

Holiday greetings to my former and retired Seafarers the mates at Delta Line shore gang and Watermen shore gang. Jack Purcell, Seaweed and John Dehering.

Anthony J. Margiotta

To Gilbert Morrison Wright (Pat)

Have a wonderful holiday season from Florida, James, Helen, Ocie and family. We sure do miss you.

James Gilbert Marshall & family

SIU officers, Seafarers, shipmates and retired Seafarers

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. God bless you!

James Martin

To Mr. & Mrs. James Martin

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and many more to come.

Stephen J. Martin

To my wife Amelia, my daughter Kimberly, and the rest of the Martinez & Cerezo family

To a safe and joyous holiday season. Love and miss all. Maybe next year.

Alvin H. Martinez

To John Hank

Hello longtime friend! Haven't seen you in years. I wish you all the happiness in the holidays to come. Please write me at this address: 5003 Birch St., Santa Fe, Texas 77517. Friends always.

William Matsoukas

To Larry Crane

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. To all the nice times we had together working on the ships.

Robert C. Mayo

To Mr. Leonard Allen

Happy holidays to you. I know Milton would be glad to have me send this message to you. Good luck!

Eunice May (wife of Milton May)

To Pat Durnin, James Miller, Jerry Snyder and all the old crew of the Mariposa

Happy holidays!

Phillip Mac McDivitt

To all current and retired Seafarers

Holiday greetings to current and retired members and their families. Stick by your union. When retired, your pension plan and medical benefits will help.

Jerse W. McDonald and spouse

To Cross Harbor Railway

Season's greetings to my fellow retirees and all the workers at Cross Harbor.

Thomas McGreal

To all ships

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

T. McMellis

To all my union brothers with whom I sailed

Happy holidays to you and your families. Continued success and happiness to you all.

Young C. McMillan (Y.C.)

To all my brother seamen

Since I retired in 1976, I wish everyone happy sailing. God bless you all.

Miguel Luis Medina

To all Seafarers

Greetings to all of my Seafarers and retired buddies out there. Merry Christmas and a very Healthy New Year. I trust all are well and in good health. Love you.

Reginald Melville and family

To the Merckx family

Doug, Pudg, Willie and Douglas—Hope your holidays are the best. My thoughts will be with you. Love you all!

Kevin L. Merckx

To SIU brothers and sisters

Happy holidays. This will be my first Christmas since retirement. Thanks, Mike Sacco and faculty for making retirement worthwhile.

Glenn D. Miller

To Mrs. M. Wescott

Season's greetings to you and family and wishing you well. The best for the coming years. God bless you, happy holiday!

A. Minors

To Brother Jose Aguilar, Brother Gladstone Ford and Brother Jasper C. Anderson

Season's greetings to you and your family. Wishing you the best for the year to come.

Amstey Minors

To all my shipmates, captains and mates I sail with

Never a Christmas morning, never the old year ends, but somebody thinks of somebody. Old days, old times, old friends.

Peter J. Mistretta

To all Seafarers and friends

May the Lord bring you back to safety and be with your family for this holiday season.

Carlos Mojica

To all my old shipmates

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and wonderful New Year.

Peter Moreni

To Willie and Lurline homesteaders—1950s & 1960s

Holiday greetings to all survivors and our happy memories of the good old days. Also, Matson Nav. Co. and the President Lines which are the best.

Patrick Morley

To friends of the Delaware River

I miss my friends on the river since some of them are gone. However, I am going on and keeping busy in my daily life.

Charles E. Morris

To all Seafarers, active and retired

Wishing you all a Merry X-mas and a Happy New Year. My best X-mas present was when I joined SIU instead of other unions.

William Morris Jr.

To all Seafarers

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Jimmy Moye

To Hal Horn

You never know from where you sit, whether it's mustard, catsup or just plain... ship. Hang tight friend and stay cool. Your friend,

George Mulvinn

To Mark Knapp and Kathy Chester

Hope the holidays find you happy and well. Enjoy the trip to Hawaii.

Abe Murray

To SIU officials, Seafarers, active and retired members, and their families

May the joy of the holiday season bring you all closer in love and friendship.

Dionisio T. Muyco

To Mrs. Ingrid L. and Marquesha L. Myers

To my future wife Ingrid, and my daughter Marquesha. I love and miss you both. I'm sorry I couldn't be there to share this holiday. I wish you both a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love always and forever.

Amos B. Myers

**To Michael Nash and wife and John Alfano**

Wishing you a very Happy New Year and a Merry Christmas, also Alfano and son Kenny. Mick, guess you and Vi will come down around New Year. Brother John wishing all my shipmates a happy holiday.

John Nash

To Tom Nealon (Daddy)

I know you can't be home right now. I want you to know all of the toys in the world won't replace you on Christmas. Merry Christmas. XXXXXX

Kaitlyn, Danielle and Mommy (Nealon)

To Tommy Barry

Happy holidays. You make my life so much brighter when we're together. Looking forward to sailing with you again soon. I love and miss you.

Cheryl Neff

To all Great Lakes tugmen, working and retired

Have a good and happy holiday season.

Howard N. Negard

To all Seafarers

I am proud to be a retired member of this union. The benefits have been invaluable. Best wishes for a happy holiday to all.

Bernard Nesins

To all members, working or retired, and families

May you all have a nice Thanksgiving and Merry X-mas and a very Happy New Year. That is to one and all.

Shirley H. Nicholson

To all SIU members

Merry Xmas and special greetings to those of us who fought so hard for the welfare of our union in the '40s and '50s.

Clifford (Nick) Nickerson

To former shipmates and other SIU members and officials

Very best wishes for the holidays. Smooth sailing and happiness in your future.

John (Little John) Nolde

To Desert Storm Seafarers

To President Sacco for leading this organization during a very critical period and to the sisters and brothers who participated in Desert Storm thank you. Tony Notturmo

To all Seafarers and their families

I hope all my friends and their families have a happy and glorious holiday. God bless us all, with special holiday wishes to Nick Barxou.

George Nuss

**To all former shipmates and all SIU officials**</

To all Seafarers

Warm greetings to the officials of the union and to all other members for a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.
Emmanuel Raptis

To the Staff at Piney Point and Camp Springs and Seafarers

Because of my unexpected retirement from my job as port agent in Baltimore, I did not have a chance to say good-bye to my many friends and co-workers I have known for the 38 years of my employment in the SIU. I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Allen P. Raymond

To SIU officers and families

Greetings my shipmates, officers and families.
Juan Reinosu

To all SIU members

Greetings in honor and in memory to all my shipmates with whom I served with, love to their families. Miss you! Love and peace.
Israel Rhoden

To Kevin A. Rice

Dear Kevin, Merry Christmas from me and all the family. Hope you have a great Christmas. Tell all the guys happy holidays for me!
Valerie Rice

To officers and crew on the Pto Eugene A. Obregon

Best wishes to all for the future. I appreciate everyone's help and cooperation in making my voyage with you a pleasant and memorable one. Peace.
Ed Riha

To all Seafarer officials, office workers, seamen

Especially to Mike and Joe Sacco a very Merry Xmas and a fruitful and Happy New Year.
the Henry W. Robert family

To Mr. Ted Scott Robinson

Christmas isn't the same without your presence. How I wish you could share the spirit of Christmas with me and our children. We love you.
Marilyn S. Robinson

To all Seafarers, retired and active, and all union officers

I wish everyone and their families Happy X-mas. I miss all my friends from the past. God bless everyone.
Anthony Rodriguez

To union brothers past and present and families

And to Sacco Brothers. Red Campbell—My best wishes in the coming of the holidays, good health, prosperity to all.
Ovidio R. Rodriguez

To William Gonzalez

Best wishes and a Happy New Year to you and your family.
Sisto Rodriguez

To Baltimore Tugboat retired members

Merry Christmas.
Charlie Rogers

To Byron Kelley and family

Merry Christmas and joyous New Year. We wish the spirit of Christmas abide with you and yours this holy and festive season.
Joseph Rollins

To all my shipping buddies

Wishing you all good health and happiness in this holiday season. God Bless. Will answer mail at Box 353, Grayland, Wash. 98547.
Millie (Hess) Rollins

To all Seafarers and family

Happy holidays! May God bless each and every one of you and may the new year bring lots of good things, most of all health.
Vernon and Mae Rose

To Seafarers I have sailed with

Greetings and best regards, with fond memories of the past and present holidays.
Don J. Rotan

To all Seafarers

A retired member sends greetings. Merry Christmas to all my shipmates of the past 20 years. I'm fine, taking life easy and miss you guys very much.
George H. Rowland

To all Seafarers

No better people than Seafarers. Oh how I miss you all. Words can't express my feelings. Good luck to you all.
William W. Royes

To staff and instructors

Best of everything always for helping me with my studies at the School of Seamanship when I was a student there.
Walenty Rozmus

To James C. Flippo

To a very dear friend that we enjoy very much. Also enjoy all the nice vegetables that he brings us.
Elmer Rushing

To all retired and active Seafarers and union representatives

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
Tom Ryan

**To Thomas G. McDermott**

Tommy: I want you forever! I Love You! Merry Christmas Baby! Keep praying (the Old Man will always be there to comfort and grant us good things).
Barbara C. Saavedra

To all Seafarers, union officials and families

Seasons greetings to all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Joseph P. Saide Jr.

To all my fellow members

Have a peaceful and happy year. Happy holidays to all of you.
Juan Sanchez

To all SIU pensioners

Hope you are all doing well. I hope everyone has a nice Christmas and holidays. We give our thanks to our union. Merry Christmas to all.
Manuel E. Sanchez

To all Seafarers

May our Lord grant us peace and happiness in this world. I wish all the Seafarers safe voyages and may their families enjoy Christmas time.
David S.D. San Miguel

To retired SIU members and their families

A retired Seafarer sends greetings to all retired SIU members and their families. I am hospitalized at the VA Medical Center in Palo Alto, Calif.
Jeremiah Saunders

To Captain Ike Slaght

Friends may come, friends may go, friends may Peter out you know. But we'll be Boers through thick and thin, Peter out or Peter in. Merry Christmas Bro!
Schoopfoot

To Michael Bonaigione and Franz Winkler

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to both of you. Please send me your current address and telephone number. Michael, thank you for your letter and offer. I will write you ASAP as I'll have your address. You friend,
Willy Kevin Schmale

To Tibby, Christian and Alice

On this joyous day of Christmas, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you, my little family.
Pop (Harry T. Scholer)

To all prior shipmates

Seasons greetings. Dick Ransome, Carmen Mancino, drop me a line. P.O. Box 5692, Evansville, Ind. 47716.
Frank J. Schumacher

To Honolulu Seafarers

And to Bobby Clinton II and Honolulu staff—I bid you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Matthew R. Scott

To Seafarers

Please, keep the same good discipline of our good old members. I wish everyone well.
Felix H. Serrano

To Walter Hinko

Holiday greetings to you and your family. I'm still holding my own. Will win this battle soon.
James F. Shannon

To Edward Hermanson

Greetings to all Seafarers from widow of the late Auldeon E. Sharp. Now live at 900 N Idaho #5, Post Falls, Idaho 83854. Phone (208) 773-7999.
Alvina Helen Sharp

To all Seafarers

Best wishes for the season and the coming year wherever you may be. Smooth Sailing.
Peter D. Sheldrake

To all of Frank Conway's friends

Dad has been ill for four years now, but is now home and doing better. He would like to wish all a Merry Christmas if he could.
Linda Shemper (Frank Conway's daughter)

To all members of the SIU, active and retired

I wish to send holiday greetings to all SIU brothers active and retired.
Jesse A. Shonis

To all retired, active Seafarers, union officials and personnel

A joyous Christmas and prosperous New Year.
Ricardo A. Siddons

To retired SIU members and their families

Happy holidays! My wife and I are blessed and are trusting you will be too during the season.
Itaoc and Verlene Sims

To active and retired members

Happy holidays and best wishes for a joyous New Year 1992.
George Sing

To Tom Scruggs

Happy Holidays.
Roosevelt Silas

To Michael Pooler

Dear Mr. Nugget Man: Merry Christmas from your old steward from those Hawaiian dancing days on the Wyman. Write to P.O. Box 94472, Las Vegas, Nev. 89193.
Mark Skidmore

To each of my brothers

Merry Christmas each and every one of you. Some still on the job, some retired. May the Lord bless each of you.
Alfred L. Smith

To all my friends and shipmates

You know who you are, may peace, happiness and good health be yours always.
Bettie L. Smith

To all Seafarers

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. I retired in 1988 after 41 years with 30 years of seafaring, 27 of them as electrician. I had lots of Christmases at sea. I'd like to hear from anyone that I sailed with. Write to 14504 Markland Green Place, Tampa, Fla. 33625.
John A. Smith

To all my Seafarer friends

Stay with it, keep your nose clean, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Ralph J. Smith

Seafarers

Our sincerest wishes for this glorious holiday season to all SIU mates and families, past and present and retirees. God bless all you! Happy New Year!
Lee W. Snodgrass and family

To Estelle Deal

Hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on board the Kauai.
G. (Jerry) Snyder

To all Seafarers

The merriest of Christmases and many Happy New Years, and God bless. Clear sailing and steady as she goes.
Joseph O. Snyder

To Danny and Linda Richardson & family

May God bless you through the holidays and always. Our love and prayers are with you. Keep in touch.
Joel and Janis Spell and family

To Spencer Smith and family

Hope you all have a blessed Christmas. Keep in touch with us. We love you.
Joel Spell II and family

To Christina Lynn

I love you, more! Merry Christmas.
J. Spell II

To Sea-Land Corp., SIU members and acquaintances

Harold (Mickey) Spillane was injured in a car accident in 1985. He is currently a resident at the Sailor's Snug Harbor in Sea Level, N.C. 28577. I am his nephew Michael, writing this message. My address is 11000 S.W. 42nd Terr., Miami, Fla. 33165; phone (305) 353-1697.
Michael Spillane

To all SIU seamen

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.
Thomas V. Springfield

To all Seafarers

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Eugene H. Soyring and family

To Seafarers

Greeting to all members and Seafarers all over the world. Good health, good luck and good sailing. Love to you all on this Christmas holiday.
Fritzbert A. Stephen

To all my brothers at sea or on land

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Roland St. Marie

Top Little Susie Boze

Happy New Year to you and the gang at the Great Divide in Denver!!! As usual, Rotton Robert (USNS Wilkes).
Robert R. Stevens

To all union brothers

Happy holidays and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.
Leonard C. Suchocki

To all retired Seafarers

Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year to all.
Ambrosio B. Suguitan

To Seafarers

I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas season. Also, for all the benefits I have received over the years from Pension and so forth. And thanks to Vincent Coss.
Walter L. Swedberg

**To all Seafarers**

I wish all the Seafarers and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Robert G. Taylor

To all

And to President Michael Sacco & his staff. Greetings to all original members, WWII merchant marine veterans, retired members, and may God bless all of the old salts who are gone.
Eloris B. Tart

To Seafarer friends

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your holidays be glorious, warm and joyful.
Nick and Maggie Tatar

To all family members, active and retired

Happy holidays and may God bless all of you!
Theodore (Ted) Taylor

To my old shipmates

I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of my old shipmates of Sheridan Co. the very best of holiday greetings. Also Joe Tranter.
Bob Teabont

To Seafarers and family, retired Conrail members and family

Have a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
William Tetto

To David W. Tharp

Everyday is Christmas when you are home. December 25th is only another day. Loving and missing you just makes time more precious when you are here. Your wife,
Virginia Tharp

To all MC&S members

Merry Christmas to all MC&S members, Matson Lines, APL, and PFL.
Don Thompson

To Seafarers International Union

Wishing all of you happiness at Christmas and lots of good things in the New Year. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.
Exequiel T. Tiong

To all my brothers

A very Merry Christmas to all my brothers, active on ships now, retired, and all who are deceased. May you and your families have a most peaceful and Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
Vincent Tomasello

To my co-retirees and their families

Wishing you all a joyous Christmas a prosperous New Year. Long live and more power to SIU.
Manuel A. Tongson, Milagros A. Tongson, Christopher A. Tongson

To Naoko Uehashi

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I love you baby.
Eddie Townsend

To all retired SIU members and all Seafarers and their families

May all the joy and blessings of the holiday season be with you all, with hope for a happy and prosperous New Year to come.
Raymond J. Trosclair

To all SIU members and all retirees and their families

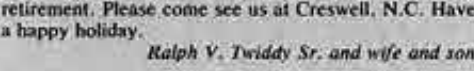
So I say good and welfare for work well done for its members.
M. S. Trotman and wife

To all my Seafarer friends and family

Joy, peace and love from our family to yours for the glorious holiday season and throughout the entire New Year.
Alipio and Delia Trujillo

To all my shipmates and friends

Greetings to everyone. I have missed everyone since my retirement. Please come see us at Creswell, N.C. Have a happy holiday.
Ralph V. Twiddy Sr. and wife and son

**To all Seafarers union officials and families**

I just want to wish you a happy holiday and a very Happy New Year 1992! Best Wishes.
Charles Uribe

**To all retired crewmembers**

May the Christmas spirit be with you and your family guided with peace and joy forever in the name of the Lord.
Manuel V. Velez

To all SIU-MCS members

Recovering from severe cancer operation, The Swede sends holiday greetings to all brothers and sisters who remember the good days on the Matson Passenger liners.
Borge Vidkjer

To all my brothers, retired or active

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year with all God's blessings.
Johnny from Trinidad (John C. Vieira)

To all Seafarers from a retired Seafarer

Hoping blessing of God shines forever in all of the Seafarers lives, making their Christmas holidays full of happiness, love and holy peace.
Juan V. Villafane

To Jim Williams

Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to our family. We miss and love you during this holiday season. You are in our prayers. Love,
Rose, Amy & Molly Walbrook

To friends and old shipmates

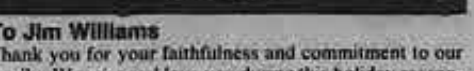
Frederick Walker and family of Glen Burnie are entering ten years of retirement. Carol and John, Thomas, Andrew, Natily, Nanette and Kevin, Julie, Kristopher and Sandy.
Frederick Walker

To fellow retirees

My family and I wish all the retirees the best of health and happiness through the year.
Son Wang

To Robert P. Carson Jr.

Merry Christmas and hope to see you soon. Take care, we think of you all the time. Sending much love,
Vicki & Dick Warburton

**To all my fellow Seafarers**

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.
Jack Weidner

To Tom Casey

Charles, Mary, Angie, Laura and Charles Jr., want you to know We Miss You and we hope you are well. Call soon (618) 376-8531.
Charles Werner Sr.

To the shipmates of Maridosa and the Monterey

Holiday greetings to all my fondest. Aloha
Josephine (Peggy) Wieth

To Mike Sacco and family

Thank you for a wonderful year! May God look down on you and your family. Wherever Mr. Hall is, he must be sailing. Keep up the good work, so I can do likewise!
Oscar C. Wiley

To Mr. Henry Jones & mother on Q Jones

Love and happiness. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Oscar C. Wiley

To all Seafarers

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to family and friends.
Mrs. James C. Wilkins

To all seamen and their families

Greetings! Happy holidays. I would like to hear from Emmet Snips, Pennsylvania Curry and Henry Jones. Thanks to the Seafarers LOG and happy holidays to all MCS Seafarers. P.O. Box 11914, Portland, Ore. 97211.
Rufus A. Williams

To David D. Wilson

Thinking of you. Miss you, Merry Christmas!! All our love.
Betty, Julie and Craig (Wilson)

To the staff and members of the SIU

Happy holidays to all members and staff of the SIU. Also Nelson McHone. I am proud of our union. God bless those that have left us.
Elbert D. Winslow

To Jim Johnson, Eva Myers and Brenda Kamiya

Happy holidays. Jim, Great Lakes 1976, Piney Point 1982, Brenda on SS Rose, 1983 Anacortes, Wash. Safe Sailing !!
Ernest R. Wise

To the SIU

Happy holidays to all my shipmates and especially to the Sacco Brothers. Good luck to all!
James L. Woods

**To all Seafarers and their families**

May the holiday season find you and yours in the best of health with God's blessings. May your wishes be granted. God bless you all.
Leon E. Yearwood

To Herb Libby, bosun Extraordinaire

Rusty Wallace sends Christmas greetings to my most loyal fan the Lib Man. Merry Christmas!
Thor Young

**To Ali Zaidan**

Hello Ali. I don't know what ship you are on. Hope you are well, and hope to see you soon. Merry Christmas! I Love You!
Musleh Zaidan

To OS Arctic crew

Season's greetings to Captain Parson and the good crew aboard the Arctic.
Robert Zepeda

To Ed Aldrete

Holiday greetings old buddy. Where have you been sailing? You're hard to find. Drop me a line to see how you are doing. Your friend.
Roberto Zepeda

January & February Membership Meetings; Deep Sea, Lakes, Inland Waters

Piney Point

Monday, January 6
Monday, February 3

New York

Tuesday, January 7
Tuesday, February 4

Philadelphia

Wednesday, January 8
Wednesday, February 5

Baltimore

Thursday, January 9
Thursday, February 6

Norfolk

Thursday, January 9
Thursday, February 6

Jacksonville

Thursday, January 9
Thursday, February 6

Algonac

Friday, January 10
Friday, February 7

Houston

Monday, January 13
Monday, February 10

New Orleans

Tuesday, January 14
Tuesday, February 11

Mobile

Wednesday, January 15
Wednesday, February 12

San Francisco

Thursday, January 16
Thursday, February 13

Wilmington

Tuesday, January 21
Monday, February 17

Seattle

Friday, January 24
Friday, February 21

San Juan

Thursday, January 9
Thursday, February 6

St. Louis

Friday, January 17
Friday, February 14

Honolulu

Friday, January 17
Friday, February 14

Duluth

Wednesday, January 15
Wednesday, February 12

Jersey City

Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday, February 19

New Bedford

Tuesday, January 21
Tuesday, February 18

Each port's meeting starts at
10:30 a.m.

Personals

RONALD HUTTON

Please contact Martha Hutton
at (503) 230-1003.

ANGEL LOUIS PEREIRA

Please contact Xiomara Diaz at
(212) 681-8197.

JOSEPH DONOVAN

Please contact Arthur Donovan
at (813) 544-5208.

KYLE WHITE

Please contact as soon as possi-
ble Gary Hand; 13136 66th Ave-
nue NE; Kirkland, Washington
98034.

"PAT"

GILBERT MORRISON WRIGHT

Please contact us. We would
like to hear from you. Flora,
James Gilbert Marshall and
Helen; 2140 Parksley Avenue;
Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

Dispatchers' Report for Deep Sea

OCTOBER 16, 1991-NOVEMBER 15, 1991

Port	*TOTAL REGISTERED			TOTAL SHIPPED			Trip Reliefs	**REGISTERED ON BEACH		
	All Groups			All Groups				All Groups		
	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class A	Class B	Class C		Class A	Class B	Class C
DECK DEPARTMENT										
New York	24	19	10	27	12	5	10	46	20	19
Philadelphia	1	5	2	0	2	4	0	3	3	2
Baltimore	6	5	4	2	3	2	1	7	5	3
Norfolk	13	14	6	5	11	3	1	22	14	10
Mobile	17	14	21	6	11	5	0	21	16	29
New Orleans	27	11	15	17	9	9	2	41	13	34
Jacksonville	27	19	26	14	11	15	5	45	17	26
San Francisco	27	16	11	22	13	3	4	47	22	15
Wilmington	15	14	12	18	15	10	8	24	12	13
Seattle	23	12	17	25	10	9	5	37	11	21
Puerto Rico	13	3	4	6	2	2	3	16	3	2
Honolulu	1	8	2	5	11	6	0	5	11	7
Houston	35	24	18	28	19	13	12	37	14	20
St. Louis	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	1
Piney Point	1	8	3	1	3	4	3	2	12	3
Algonac	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	230	176	153	176	138	92	54	354	175	205
ENGINE DEPARTMENT										
New York	19	15	9	12	9	6	3	35	12	9
Philadelphia	4	4	6	1	5	1	0	3	4	7
Baltimore	7	6	2	4	4	1	3	7	4	5
Norfolk	5	4	4	5	6	2	3	4	1	9
Mobile	12	10	4	11	6	3	5	8	16	6
New Orleans	17	6	11	7	3	7	3	29	8	12
Jacksonville	16	5	10	14	5	6	3	20	5	9
San Francisco	14	17	6	13	9	3	2	24	21	10
Wilmington	7	12	17	5	9	8	4	12	10	17
Seattle	14	9	10	6	5	8	5	19	8	8
Puerto Rico	3	2	1	4	2	1	1	8	1	0
Honolulu	1	4	12	1	2	10	0	1	8	8
Houston	16	12	8	15	9	7	3	18	9	6
St. Louis	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1
Piney Point	3	5	2	1	7	1	0	3	5	5
Algonac	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	139	113	102	99	82	66	35	193	113	112
STEWARD DEPARTMENT										
New York	17	4	4	17	5	2	11	27	9	7
Philadelphia	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	1
Baltimore	4	2	3	3	2	1	1	3	2	2
Norfolk	9	5	6	5	2	2	2	9	4	7
Mobile	7	3	6	3	2	1	2	10	8	8
New Orleans	7	6	5	4	6	1	2	14	4	10
Jacksonville	9	3	2	9	1	0	1	16	5	3
San Francisco	46	5	12	24	4	1	12	80	18	17
Wilmington	17	5	5	12	2	1	6	19	5	5
Seattle	25	8	2	16	3	2	5	33	10	2
Puerto Rico	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	1	0
Honolulu	5	22	17	5	15	13	57	12	27	24
Houston	16	4	2	10	5	1	5	22	3	4
St. Louis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Piney Point	2	14	4	1	10	4	1	2	15	4
Algonac	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	170	85	68	112	58	29	105	253	114	95
ENTRY DEPARTMENT										
New York	7	22	67	8	19	19	0	17	39	130
Philadelphia	1	5	4	0	3	0	0	2	5	6
Baltimore	2	6	0	0	6	0	0	3	8	2
Norfolk	5	7	8	4	7	1	0	7	11	18
Mobile	2	12	5	0	6	4	0	2	31	25
New Orleans	7	23	19	7	13	3	0	6	38	42
Jacksonville	0	18	13	2	10	2	0	2	26	36
San Francisco	15	26	23	11	8	1	0	33	43	69
Wilmington	7	12	12	3	11	2	0	10	12	24
Seattle	10	15	10	8	10	6	0	16	16	23
Puerto Rico	2	9	6	4	8	4	0	6	9	6
Honolulu	4	32	164	6	37	145	0	4	45	193
Houston	5	21	12	8	12	6	0	4	29	20
St. Louis	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	2
Piney Point	1	43	5	0	41	2	0	1	46	6
Algonac	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	69	255	349	61	192	195	0	114	363	602
Totals All Departments	608	629	672	448	470	382	194	914	765	1,014

*"Total Registered" means the number of men who actually registered for shipping at the port last month.

***"Registered on the Beach" means the total number of men registered at the port at the end of last month.

A total of 1,494 jobs were shipped on SIU-contracted deep sea vessels. Of the 1,494 jobs shipped, 498 jobs or about 30 percent were taken by "A" seniority members. The rest were filled by "B" and "C" seniority people. From October 16 to November 15, a total of 194 trip relief jobs were shipped. Since the trip relief program began on April 1, 1982, a total of 15,121 jobs have been shipped.

Dispatchers' Report for Great Lakes

CL—Company/Lakes L—Lakes NP—Non Priority

OCT. 16–NOV. 15, 1991

*TOTAL REGISTERED

TOTAL SHIPPED

**REGISTERED ON BEACH

All Groups

All Groups

All Groups

Class CL Class L Class NP

Class CL Class L Class NP

Class CL Class L Class NP

Port

DECK DEPARTMENT

Algonac

0

21

1

0

34

3

0

25

16

Port

ENGINE DEPARTMENT

Algonac

0

8

1

0

28

0

0

11

8

Port

STEWARD DEPARTMENT

Algonac

0

2

1

0

8

0

0

8

2

Port

ENTRY DEPARTMENT

Algonac

0

7

13

0

0

0

0

29

26

Totals All Departments

0

38

16

0

70

3

0

73

52

***Total Registered** means the number of men who actually registered for shipping at the port last month.

***Registered on the Beach** means the total number of men registered at the port at the end of last month.

Dispatchers' Report for Inland Waters

OCTOBER 16–NOVEMBER 15, 1991

*TOTAL REGISTERED

TOTAL SHIPPED

**REGISTERED ON BEACH

All Groups

All Groups

All Groups

Class A Class B Class C

Class A Class B Class C

Class A Class B Class C

Region

DECK DEPARTMENT

Atlantic Coast

21

8

5

4

0

0

51

17

19

Gulf Coast

5

0

6

1

0

2

5

0

7

Lakes & Inland Waters

11

0

0

16

0

0

44

0

0

West Coast

1

0

0

0

0

0

2

1

3

Totals

38

8

11

21

0

2

102

18

19

Region

ENGINE DEPARTMENT

Atlantic Coast

12

4

0

1

0

0

10

9

0

Gulf Coast

1

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Lakes & Inland Waters

7

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26

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West Coast

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Totals

20

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28

9

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Region

STEWARD DEPARTMENT

Atlantic Coast

8

2

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1

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8

3

5

Gulf Coast

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Lakes & Inland Waters

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22

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West Coast

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1

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Totals

14

2

2

4

0

1

31

3

5

Totals All Departments

72

14

13

30

0

3

161

30

24

***Total Registered** means the number of men who actually registered for shipping at the port last month.

***Registered on the Beach** means the total number of men registered at the port at the end of last month.

LOG-A-RHYTHM

Two Weeks Before Layup

by Elizabeth Zimmer

Twos two weeks before layup all through the ship
Each sailor was wishing that this was their last trip.
They all prayed the weather would freeze up the stone
To cancel some orders and let them go home.
Their clothes were all packed in their suitcase with care
In hopes that lay-up soon would be there.
The crew just off watch had just hit the rack
And were snuggled like bunnies all warm in their sack.
When up on the bow there arose such a clatter
They rolled from their bunks to see what was the matter;
Away to the boatdeck they flew like a flash
Lowered the lifeboat and launched the life raft;
The moon over the water showed seas calm and cool
They stood in their long johns and felt like a fool.
When what to their sleepy red eyes should appear
A mirage from the north with a bunch of reindeer.
The fluffy old driver who dropped aboard ship
Sure looked like the pictures of good old St. Nick.
An old tattered seabag he flung on his back
He looked like a sailor with a bright red top-hat
More rapid than seagulls down the deck he came
As he yelled to the crewmen and called them by name.
Now Robert and Jerry, Butch, John and Gus
I'm honoring your wishes so charter a bus.
With his words in the wind he made for the bow
"Now dash away dash away dash away all."
So up to the heavens the couriers they flew
With a sleigh full of wishes to make them come true.
And they heard him exclaim as he rode out of sight
"Merry Christmas to all—I'll go make you some ice."

Proudly Retiring



Yeoman/Storekeeper Charles Huntington (left) receives the thanks of Captain Burl Holt for the work the SIU Government Services Division member performed during the deactivation of the USNS Navasota. Captain Ray Addicott (bottom), commander of the MSCPAC Fleet, addresses the Navasota's crew after the replenishment ship's final voyage.



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Digest of Ships Meetings

The Seafarers LOG attempts to print as many digests of union shipboard minutes as possible. On occasion, because of space limitations, some will be omitted.

Ships minutes are reviewed by the union's contract department. Those issues requiring attention or resolution are addressed by the union upon receipt of the ships minutes.

ULTRASEA (American Maritime Transport), August 24 — Chairman Cesar Gutierrez, Secretary Jean Savoie, Educational Director Herman Bergeron, Deck Delegate E. Hall, Engine Delegate R. Baptiste, Steward Delegate L. Skipper. Treasurer reported \$365 in ship's fund, \$2,100 in movie fund. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Captain said he would like all departments to get together for tour in Egypt. Next port: New Orleans.

AUSTAL LIGHTING (IOM), September 29 — Chairman Steve Lee Cokerc, Secretary Richard E. Emanuel, Educational Director M. Cruz, Deck Delegate Dan Gaylord, Engine Delegate Michael Ribeiro, Steward Delegate Ramont Jackson. Chairman advised crew to read Seafarers LOG. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew discussed importance of upgrading at Lundeberg School. Next port: Jacksonville, Fla.

CAPE COTACHE (AMSEA), September 28 — Chairman D. Truax, Secretary K. White, Educational Director P. Kwasnjuk, Deck Delegate L. Fuqua, Engine Delegate C. Belton, Steward Delegate K. Johnson. Chairman announced payoff. Educational director encouraged all members to upgrade at Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship. Engine delegate reported disputed OT. No beefs or disputed OT reported by deck or steward delegates. Next port: Beaumont, Texas.

ITB PHILADELPHIA (Sheridan Transportation), September 18 — Chairman V.T. Nielsen, Secretary J.P. Emidy, Deck Delegate John Wolfe, Engine Delegate C. Diaz, Steward Delegate A. Banky III. Chairman thanked deck department for hard work and dedication in preparing ship for two- to three-month layup at Tampa, Fla. shipyard. Secretary thanked New York Port Agent Kermitt Mangram for contract clarification. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Galley gang thanked crew for helping keep messhalls clean and orderly. Crew thanked Chief Cook Alexander Banky for his spirit of cooperation.

LIBERTY SPIRIT (Liberty Maritime), September 22 — Chairman Carlos Canales, Secretary Gerald Sharp, Deck Delegate Jim Pinkston, Engine Delegate T. Robin, Steward Delegate Eulogio Alvarez. Chairman reported beef. No beefs or disputed OT reported by department delegates. Crew asked contracts department for clarification regarding AB watch.

Payoff on the OMI Wabash



J. Ortiz, deck engine utility (left), meets with Patrolman Bobby Milan during a payoff on the OMI Wabash.

NEDLLOYD HUDSON (Sea-Land Service), September 22 — Chairman F. Goethe, Secretary W. Williams. Chairman urged members to upgrade at Lundeberg School. He encouraged everyone to donate to SPAD and the Maritime Defense League. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew asked that heaters be issued to each crewmember.

OMI WILLAMETTE (OMI Corp.), September 7 — Chairman C. Pryor, Secretary R. Scott, Educational Director Fred V. Volger. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Secretary encouraged members to go to Paul Hall Center. He thanked union for name change honoring former SIU president.

OVERSEAS CHICAGO (Maritime Overseas), September 23 — Chairman Mark Davis, Secretary J. Samuels, Deck Delegate William Kleimola, Engine Delegate E. Whisenant, Steward Delegate David Rodgers. Chairman announced payoff. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Ship needs new furniture in crew lounge and new dryer. Crew thanked steward department for job well done.

OVERSEAS JOYCE (Maritime Overseas), September 27 — Chairman R. Bradford, Secretary P. Alvarez, Steward Delegate Larry Ely. Chairman announced payoff and discussed Coast Guard's drug testing program. Secretary encouraged all union brothers and sisters to upgrade at Lundeberg School for a better tomorrow. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked galley gang. Seafarers LOG was received and distributed to all crewmembers while ship was in Japan.

PONCE (Puerto Rico Marine), September 8 — Chairman D. Wagner, Secretary R. Evans, Educational Director P.D. Hanley. Chairman announced payoff. Secretary has movie list available. Educational director advised members to upgrade at Lundeberg School. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked captain and chief mate for making shore leave possible in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. Crew thanked galley gang for job well done.

PRIDE OF TEXAS (Seahawk Management), September 9 — Chairman Henry Jones, Secretary F. Robertson, Educational Director C. Croft, Deck Delegate K. Lamb, Steward Delegate F. Rose. Chairman announced payoff. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Four crewmembers — QMED H.W. Palmer, AB K. Lamb, Chief Cook F. Rose and Radio Officer B. Jardine — travelled to Cairo, said trip was very educational.

SANTA ANA (OMI Corp.), September 1 — Chairman Daniel Laitinen, Secretary Alfredo Panico, Educational Director Walker Prentiss. Chairman thanked members for good work and for coming out when country needs them. He reminded everyone to upgrade at Lundeberg School. He asked for moment of silence in memory of Paul Hall. Deck delegate reported disputed OT. No beefs or disputed OT reported by engine or steward delegates.

SANTA ANA (OMI Corp.), September 29 — Chairman Daniel Laitinen, Secretary Alfredo Panico, Educational Director Walker Prentiss, Deck Delegate Curtis Lewis, Engine Delegate David Dunklin. Chairman asked crew to leave rooms clean. He thanked everyone for good job. Engine delegate reported disputed OT. No beefs or disputed OT re-

ported by deck or steward delegates. Crew thanked steward department for fine job.

SEA-LAND ANCHORAGE (Sea-Land Service), September 11 — Chairman Robert Stuverud, Secretary George Bryant, Deck Delegate Victor Peters, Engine Delegate Joseph Trauth, Steward Delegate Mike Bubaker. Chairman noted everything running smoothly. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked steward department for job well done. Next port: Tacoma, Wash.

SEA-LAND ATLANTIC (Sea-Land Service), September 1 — Chairman W.C. Byrd, Secretary G.E. Sinkes, Educational Director A.O. Cuevas. Steward delegate reported disputed OT. No beefs or disputed OT reported by deck or engine delegates. Crew thanked galley gang for job well done. Next port: Houston.

SEA-LAND CHALLENGER (Sea-Land Service), September 1 — Chairman Roy Williams, Secretary H. Scypes, Educational Director R.

said one stowaway was found from Hong Kong. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

SEA-LAND EXPRESS (Sea-Land Service), September 29 — Chairman J. McCoy, Secretary J. Johnson, Educational Director R. Chopman. Chairman thanked all departments for keeping ship clean. Educational director stressed importance of upgrading at Lundeberg School. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked steward department for good service and excellent chow.

SEA-LAND HAWAII (Sea-Land Service), September 1 — Chairman John T. Emerich, Secretary C.M. Modellas, Educational Director Daniel T. Flowers, Deck Delegate Edward O'Brien, Engine Delegate Rodney Pontiflet. Chairman discussed welfare and pension plans. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Ship was delayed almost 24 hours due to engine trouble. Next port: Oakland, Calif.

SEA-LAND HAWAII (Sea-Land Service), September 29 — Chairman Louis

Ultrasea Crew Enjoys Shipboard BBQ



One of the memorable events during voyage 045 aboard the Ultrasea was a delicious barbecue. Enjoying the meal are DEU Carlos Milla, Bosun Cesar Gutierrez and Deck Maintenance Ed Haney.

Zellero, Engine Delegate P. Torres, Steward Delegate W. Campbell. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew observed one minute of silence in memory of departed brothers.

SEA-LAND CHALLENGER (Sea-Land Service), September 29 — Chairman Roy Williams, Secretary H. Scypes, Educational Director James Williams, Deck Delegate James Walker, Engine Delegate F. Rodriguez, Steward Delegate W. Campbell. Secretary reported beef. No other beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked steward department for recent cookout and fine meals every day. Crew observed one minute of silence in memory of departed brothers.

SEA-LAND CONSUMER (Sea-Land Service), September 24 — Chairman W. Mortier, Secretary M. Fields, Educational Director W. Lindsey, Deck Delegate Thomas Self, Steward Delegate Abdu Aze. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

SEA-LAND DEVELOPER (Sea-Land Service), September 13 — Chairman R. Pinkham, Secretary G. Shirley, Educational Director C. Chancey, Deck Delegate Clyde Luse, Engine Delegate L. Mills, Steward Delegate C. Atkins. Educational director reviewed benefits package. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

SEA-LAND EXPEDITION (Sea-Land Service), September 22 — Chairman Paulino Flores, Secretary E. Vazquez, Educational Director D. Manthel. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

SEA-LAND EXPLORER (Sea-Land Service), September 28 — Chairman Ted Tolentino, Secretary S. Ghani, Educational Director Daniel F. Dean, Deck Delegate Larry Thompson, Engine Delegate Theodore Hawkins, Steward Delegate Inocenso Fontelera. Chairman noted good crew and smooth trip. He

Vasquez, Secretary C.M. Modellas, Educational Director David Gordius. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew needs new washing machine. Crew extended vote of thanks to SIU President Michael Sacco and his staff for coming aboard vessel in Honolulu.

SEA-LAND INNOVATOR (Sea-Land Service), September 21 — Chairman Claude Dockrey, Secretary Jose Bayani, Educational Director Rickey D. Cavender, Deck Delegate J.R. Picciolo, Engine Delegate Prebitt Smith, Steward Delegate George Bronson. Chairman reported smooth sailing, thanked steward department for job well done. Steward department thanked deck and engine departments for helping keep ship exceptionally clean. Educational director urged members to upgrade at Lundeberg School, thereby increasing earning potential. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

SEA-LAND INTEGRITY (Sea-Land Service), September 26 — Chairman D. Leon, Secretary P. Laboy. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked steward department for job well done. Chairman thanked entire crew for smooth and safe trip.

SEA-LAND LIBERATOR (Sea-Land Service), September 29 — Chairman Sonny Herrera, Secretary W. Wroten, Educational Director E. Ford, Deck Delegate Paul Mahone, Engine Delegate George Hoopes, Steward Delegate Lorenzo Raza. Chairman reported problem-free voyage. Educational director urged continued support for SPAD. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked GSU Wayne Campine for keeping crew lounge and mess hall in top shape.

SEA-LAND NAVIGATOR (Sea-Land Service), September 15 — Chairman

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Pensioners

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JOHNNY NETTLES, 67, joined the SIU in 1956 in the port of Baltimore. A native of South Carolina, he shipped in the engine department. Brother Nettles served in the Navy from 1942 until 1943. He has retired to Jacksonville, Fla.

BILLY NUCKOLS, 66, joined the Seafarers in 1952 in the port of Baltimore. He was born in West Virginia and in 1975 completed the Lundeberg School's bosun recertification course. Brother Nuckols resides in Anstead, W. Va.

DOMINICK ORSINI, 66, joined the union in 1963 in the port of New York. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he sailed in the engine department and upgraded frequently at the Lundeberg School. Brother Orsini served in the Navy from 1943 until 1946. He has retired to Harrisburg, Pa.

THOMAS D. OWEN, 65, joined the SIU in 1946 in the port of Mobile, Ala. An Alabama native, he shipped in the engine department. Brother Owen served in the Army from 1946 until 1949. He resides in Seattle.



ANTHONY PERRY, 66, joined the Seafarers in 1973 in the port of Houston. He was born in Rhode Island and sailed in the deck department. Brother Perry upgraded frequently at the Lundeberg School. He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1946. Brother Perry has retired to Pahrump, Nev.



RICHARD E. PERRY, 62, joined the union in 1960 in the port of Detroit, Mich. Born in Oil City, Pa., he sailed as a bosun. Brother Perry served in the Navy from 1948 until 1955. He lives in Manitowoc, Wis.

FRANK RAKAS, 64, joined the SIU in 1946 in the port of New York. A native of Brownsville, Pa., he sailed in the steward department. Brother Rakas resides in Cardale, Pa.



HOWARD RUBY, 77, joined the Seafarers in 1961 in the port of New York. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio and shipped in the galley gang. Brother



Ruby served in the Army from 1940 until 1946. He lives in Des Moines, La.

JOSEPH STANTON, 59, joined the union in 1959 in the port of New York. The native of Philadelphia, Pa. shipped in the deck department. Brother Stanton still calls Philadelphia home.



RAPHEL STEVENS, 67, joined the SIU in 1957 in the port of Baltimore. Born in Green Bay, Wis., he sailed in the black-gang. Brother Stevens served in the Army from 1943 to 1945 and from 1947 to 1951. He has retired to Houston.



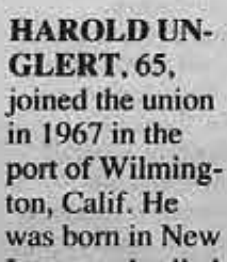
WILTON STOKES, 61, joined the Seafarers in 1961 in the port of Mobile, Ala. The Alabama native shipped in the deck department. Brother Stokes resides in Theodore, Ala.



WILLARD TAYLOR, 65, joined the SIU in 1947 in Marcus Hook, Pa. He was born in Chester, Pa. and sailed in the deck department. Brother Taylor served in the Army from 1943 to 1946. He has retired to Bristol, Pa.



FRANK TIMMONS, 63, joined the Seafarers in 1953 in his native New York. He shipped in the deck department. Brother Timmons has retired to Des Moines, Wash.



HAROLD UNGLERT, 65, joined the union in 1967 in the port of Wilmington, Calif. He was born in New Jersey and sailed in the engine department. Brother Unglert served in the Navy from 1944 to 1946. He lives in Neptune City, N.J.



ALFONSO VALENTE, 67, joined the SIU in 1965 in his native New York. He sailed in the deck department and from 1942 until 1962 he served in the Navy. Brother Valente has retired to Tampa, Fla.



JAMES H. WALL, 65, joined the Seafarers in 1965 in the port of New York. Born in Florida, he shipped in the black-gang.



Brother Wall served in the Navy from 1943 to 1944. He resides in Jacksonville, Fla.



JOHNNY YOUNG, 62, graduated from the Andrew Furuseth Training School in his native Mobile, Ala. in 1958. He shipped in the steward department. Brother Young lives in New Orleans.

INLAND

ANTONIO ATILES, 64, joined the union in 1976 in his native Puerto Rico. He shipped in the deck department. Boatman Atiles still calls Carolina, P.R. home.



BAYARD BRITTON, 62, joined the Seafarers in 1977 in the port of Mobile, Ala. Born in Nicaragua, he shipped in the steward department. Boatman Britton has retired to Tampa, Fla.



ROLDIN DINET, 62, joined the union in 1969 in the port of New Orleans. The Louisiana native shipped as a captain. He resides in Golden Meadow, La.

RAYMOND HILL, 63, joined the union in 1960 in the port of New York. Born in New Jersey, he sailed as a captain. Boatman Hill served in the Marines from 1976 to 1979. He has retired to Baltimore.

DEWITT HOLLOWELL, 64, joined the Seafarers in 1973 in the port of Norfolk, Va. He was born in North Carolina and shipped in the deck department. Boatman Hollowell served in the Navy from 1943 to 1961. He lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

GORDON RAMEY SR.

64, joined the union in 1972 in the port of Norfolk, Va. The Virginia native sailed as a captain and in 1973 upgraded at the



Lundeberg School. Boatman Ramey resides in Seaford Blades, Del.

OLLIE DAN TAYLOR JR., 66, joined the Seafarers in 1972 in the port of Norfolk, Va. Born in North Carolina, he sailed as a captain and in 1979 upgraded at the Lundeberg School. Boatman Taylor served in the Navy from 1943 to 1967. He has retired to Satsuma, Fla.



DONALD WILLIS, 64, joined the union in 1957 in the port of Philadelphia, Pa. The North Carolina native shipped as a mate. He still calls Sea Level, N.C. home.

GREAT LAKES

JAMES J. BISHOP, 65, joined the union in 1966 in the port of Frankfort, Mich. A Michigan native, he sailed in the deck department. Brother Bishop served in the Army from 1950 until 1952. He resides in St. Ignace, Michigan.

HARLAND FITZPATRICK, 62, joined the union in 1967 in the port of Detroit. Born in Toledo, Ohio, he shipped in the black-gang. Brother Fitzpatrick has retired to his native Toledo.

RAILROAD MARINE

FRANK CHORLEY, 63, joined the union in 1953 in Elberta, Mich. He was born in Detroit and shipped in the engine department. Brother Chorley served in the Army from 1946 to 1947. He resides in Frankfort, Mich.



DONALD MESZAROS, 65, joined the union in 1953 in the port of Frankfort, Mich. The Michigan native sailed in the steward department. Brother Meszaros has retired to Beulah, Mich.



ORRIN SMITH, 63, joined the Seafarers in 1963 in the port of New York. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he shipped in the deck department. Brother Smith has retired to Bellmore, N.Y.

Gaines Meets Randolph Institute Head



The photograph on page 4 of the November 1991 edition of the Seafarers LOG misidentified the Seafarer talking with Normal Hill, president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute. He is Assistant Cook Nicholas Gaines, a member of the SIU's Government Services Division who prior to shipping was active in the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, which had been headed once by Randolph.

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Werner Becher, Secretary **Rudolf Spingat**, Engine Delegate **Y. Brown**, Steward Delegate **B.L. Mack**. Chairman recommended members upgrade at Lundeberg School. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked galley gang.

SEA-LAND PACIFIC (Sea-Land Service), September 29 — Chairman **O. Wiley**, Secretary **D. Spangler**. Chairman received and posted notice of new Crowley tankers. He noted random drug testing scheduled to begin October 1. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked galley gang for excellent job.

SEA-LAND PATRIOT (Sea-Land Service), September 3 — Chairman **S. Evans**, Deck Delegate **Robert Pacheco**, Engine Delegate **Randolph Llanes**. Chairman reminded crew to separate plastics, cans and bottles. He thanked crew for good trips and clean ship. Educational director urged members to upgrade at Lundeberg School and watch safety videos aboard ship. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

SEA-LAND PERFORMANCE (Sea-Land Service), September 22 — Chairman **J.W. Donaldson**, Secretary **E. Porter**, Educational Director **D. Johnson**, Deck Delegate **J. Conlin**, Engine Delegate **P. Pardovich**, Steward Delegate **Gilberto Tolentino**. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

SEA-LAND PRODUCER (Sea-Land Service), September 8 — Chairman **Jack Edwards**, Secretary **Cathy McMahon**, Educational Director **M. Langford**, Deck Delegate **William Haynie**, Engine Delegate **H. Ahmed**, Steward Delegate **David West**. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked deck and steward departments for jobs well done.

SEA-LAND QUALITY (Sea-Land Service), September 1 — Chairman **Carmine Bova**, Secretary **T.J. Smith**, Educational Director **D. Incomam**. Educational director urged members to upgrade at Lundeberg School. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

SEA-LAND RELIANCE (Sea-Land Service), September 26 — Chairman **R. McConagle**, Secretary **E. Douroudous**, Educational Director **G. Payne**. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked galley gang for good work.

SEA-LAND SPIRIT (Sea-Land Service), September 13 — Chairman **Victor Ardowski**, Secretary **W. Hawkins**, Engine Delegate **K. Yafai**, Steward Delegate **Jasper Jackson**. Engine and steward delegates reported disputed OT. No beefs or disputed OT reported by deck delegate.

SEA-LAND TACOMA (Sea-Land Service), September 14 — Chairman **D. Atkinson**, Secretary **D. Boone**, Educational Director **C. Piper**, Engine Delegate **K. Couture**, Steward Delegate **Mana Nasser**. Chairman announced payoff. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

SEA-LAND TRADER (Sea-Land Service), September 2 — Chairman **J. Miller**, Secretary **L. Lightfoot**, Educational Director **F.L. Hall**, Deck Delegate **S.W. Parker**, Engine Delegate **P. Hove**, Steward Delegate **J. Boss**. Chairman reminded all hands to think and practice safety at all times. Secretary thanked all hands for helping steward department keep vessel clean. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked galley gang for fine meals and salad bar.

ULTRAMAR (American Maritime Transport), September 22 — Chairman **R. Wiles**, Secretary **R. Poovey**, Educational Director **C. Durden**, Deck Delegate **C. Fairfax**, Engine Delegate **H. Cortes**, Steward Delegate **Tim Williams**. Chairman reported jobs well done by all SIU hands. Educational director urged members to upgrade at Lundeberg School. He asked contracts department how a C-card may request one-trip relief.

No beefs or disputed OT reported. Ship needs new TV and VCR with direct antenna hookup. Ship needs new washer and dryer. Next port: Houston.

ULTRASEA (American Maritime Transport), September 22 — Chairman **Cesar A. Gutierrez**, Secretary **J. Savoie**, Deck Delegate **Eddie Hall**, Engine Delegate **Robert Baptiste**, Steward Delegate **Leonard Skipper**. Deck delegate reported disputed OT. No beefs or disputed OT reported by engine or steward delegates.

USNS CHAUVENET (Mar Ship Operators), September 5 — Chairman **Jeff Paul Focardi**, Secretary **June Pertusini**, Educational Director **Al Matos**, Deck

Darryl Goggins and **GSU Jerome Grimes**. Crew found stowaway cat during voyage from Saudi Arabia.

CAPE METEOR (IOM), October 6 — Chairman **R. Clemente**. Educational director urged members to upgrade at Lundeberg School. Deck delegate reported disputed OT. No beefs or disputed OT reported by engine or steward delegates.

SAMUEL COBB (Ocean Shipholding), October 6 — Chairman **J. Caruso**, Secretary **R. Crawford**, Deck Delegate **Joseph Rives**, Engine Delegate **E. Mardones**, Steward Delegate **T. Barrett**. Educational director urged members to upgrade at Lundeberg School and

deck or steward delegates.

INDIAN OCEAN (IMC), October 13 — Chairman **L. Welch**, Deck Delegate **John Sullivan**. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew asked for clarification of maximum daily working hours. Crew thanked galley gang for great food and great job.

LNG AQUARIUS (ETC), October 20 — Chairman **Sam T. Brooks**, Secretary **Alexander P. Reyer**, Educational Director **Vincent Larimer**, Deck Delegate **Jack Rhodes**, Engine Delegate **Don Busby**, Steward Delegate **Henry Daniels**. Bosun noted smooth trip. Educational director extolled virtues of upgrading at Lundeberg School. Treasurer reported \$155 in ship's fund. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew gave vote of thanks to steward department for job well done.

RICHARD G. MATTHIESEN (Ocean Shipholding), October 6 — Chairman **James T. Martin**, Secretary **J. Jordan**, Deck Delegate **D. Naze**, Engine Delegate **Robert Gaglioti**, Steward Delegate **P.G. Ordansa**. Chairman urged all crewmembers to upgrade at Piney Point. Secretary reminded members to contribute to SPAD, it goes a long way and helps all members. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew gave vote of thanks to steward department.

NEDLLOYD HUDSON (Sea-Land Service), October 13 — Chairman **John R. Neff**, Secretary **W. Robles**, Educational Director **Christos Tsipliareles**, Deck Delegate **Tan Ah Joon**, Engine Delegate **Thomas McCardle**, Steward Delegate **Thomas McNellis**. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew asked for review of pension plan with change to 20 years seetime and no age requirement for retirement. Crew thanked galley gang.

OMI COLUMBIA (OMI Corp.), October 18 — Chairman **E. Duhan**, Secretary **R. Peralta**, Educational Director **A. Bombita**. Chairman announced payoff. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

OMI DYNACHEM (OMI Corp.), October 3 — Chairman **Larry Kunc**, Secretary **Steven Wagner**, Educational Director **L. Phillips**, Deck Delegate **Terry Thomas**, Engine Delegate **Robert Pritchett**. Ship was short of water while in port, none put on due to price. Chairman said he intended to ask patrolman why non-union workers were filling four positions (two painters and two welders) aboard vessel. He reported separate beef. No beefs or disputed OT reported by department delegates. Crew thanked galley gang. Next port: Port Arthur, Texas.

OMI LEADER (OMI Corp.), October 13 — Chairman **W.S. Byrne**, Secretary **C.C. Hollings III**, Educational Director **J. Trent**. Chairman encouraged members to donate to SPAD, because that means more jobs. Educational director pointed out financial benefits of upgrading at Lundeberg School. Engine delegate reported disputed OT. No beefs or disputed OT reported by deck or steward delegates. Crew extended vote of thanks to steward department.

OVERSEAS ARCTIC (Maritime Overseas), October 15 — Chairman **John Little Jr.**, Secretary **G. Marzett**, Deck Delegate **Tim Olvany**, Engine Delegate **W. Gee**, Steward Delegate **Lee Harrison**. Chairman announced payoff, urged crewmembers to upgrade as soon as possible. He noted everything running smoothly but said crew lounge needs new furniture. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

OVERSEAS NEW YORK (Maritime Overseas), October 30 — Chairman **J. Scheck**, Secretary **Darrell Touchstone**, Educational Director **Edward Self**, Deck Delegate **Billy G. Hill Sr.**, Engine Delegate **C. Mazzara**, Steward Delegate **Fred Lindsey**. Chairman reported upcoming layup. Secretary said this is one of best crews he has had pleasure of working with. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked steward department for excellent job.

Fishing's Fine Aboard the Ultrasea



Bosun Cesar A. Gutierrez finds the waters good for fishing aboard the Ultrasea.

Delegate **George Dehlmar**, Engine Delegate **Tony Estes**, Steward Delegate **Americus Bell**. Educational director reminded members to be cautious around electrical equipment. He reminded members to wear proper footwear on board. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

USNS REGULUS (Bay Tankers), September 1 — Chairman **Marion C. Roper**, Secretary **George Quinn**, Educational Director **Rudolph R. Cefaratti**, Deck Delegate **Eugenio S. DeSousa**, Engine Delegate **William H. Day**, Steward Delegate **Roberto Pabon Fox**. Educational director stressed importance of upgrading at Lundeberg School and donating to SPAD. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked galley gang for job well done.

USNS SEALIFT PACIFIC (IMC), September 26 — Chairman **Ferdinand Gongora**, Secretary **Marco Guevara**, Deck Delegate **Frank Reynolds**, Steward Delegate **Sam Gordon**. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

WESTWARD VENTURE (IOM), September 28 — Chairman **M.W. Kadderly**, Secretary **R.B. Sanderson**, Educational Director **C.W. Cunningham**, Deck Delegate **T. Vain**, Engine Delegate **A. Donahoe**, Steward Delegate **V. Westlin**. Educational director urged members to read Seafarers LOG and donate to SPAD. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Next port: Tacoma, Wash.

PFC DEWAYNE T. WILLIAMS (AMSEA), September 15 — Chairman **Alvin McCants**, Secretary **Donna Jean Clemons**, Educational Director **Christopher Doyle**, Deck Delegate **Keith Kirby**, Engine Delegate **F. Jaworski**, Steward Delegate **D. Landry**. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Black-gang member **Jaworski** and **GSU Patricia Piccione**, also aboard vessel, are newlyweds.

AMERICAN CORMORANT (Pacific Gulf Marine), October 6 — Chairman **Charles Davis**, Secretary **D. Goggins**, Deck Delegate **R. Oliphant**, Engine Delegate **W. Behan**, Steward Delegate **T. Guthrie**. Educational director pointed out positive points of upgrading at Lundeberg School. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked steward department for job well done, including Chief Cook **Tim Guthrie**, Steward/Baker

donate to SPAD. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

CONSTELLATION (Maersk), October 13 — Chairman **Sal Ciciulla**, Deck Delegate **Carl Davis**, Steward Delegate **C. Dominguez**. Educational director urged members to donate to SPAD. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Some crewmembers said stores sent by company are of poor quality.

CORNHUSKER STATE (IOM), October 27 — Chairman **Louis Flade**, Secretary **Abe Martinez**, Educational Director **J.S. Knight**. No beefs or disputed OT reported.

GUS DARNELL (Ocean Shipholding), October 10 — Chairman **John Wolfe**, Secretary **L. Prophter**, Educational Director **Alvin Markowitz**, Deck Delegate **Paul Moss**, Engine Delegate **M. Hadwan**. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew thanked galley gang for good work despite lack of some stores.

FALCON PRINCESS (Seahawk Management), October 13 — Chairman **K. Koutouras**, Secretary **H. Jones**, Deck Delegate **Eugene Finley**, Steward Delegate **James Harris**. Bosun thanked crew, said this was best trip he has made in 30 years. Educational director advised members to upgrade at Lundeberg School. Engine delegate reported disputed OT. No beefs or disputed OT reported by deck or steward delegates. Crew thanked steward department. Next port: Houston.

GALVESTON BAY (Sea-Land Service), October 6 — Chairman **David Manson**, Secretary **R. Hicks**, Educational Director **Michael Kovach**, Deck Delegate **Nelson Sala**, Engine Delegate **M. Beata**. Chairman announced payoff. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew gave vote of thanks to steward department.

GOPHER STATE (IOM), October 27 — Chairman **John Stout**, Secretary **R. Malozi**, Educational Director **W. Cameron**, Deck Delegate **G. McCarthy**, Engine Delegate **M. Field**. Chairman announced payoff. Secretary asked that all soiled linen be brought to galley area. Engine delegate reported disputed OT. No beefs or disputed OT reported by

Holiday Recipes by Seafarers

Honey Glazed Ham with Spinach Stuffing by Robert Scott

Recertified Steward Robert Scott, a frequent contributor to the Seafarers LOG, submitted these recipes which he has perfected over the course of many holiday seasons.

One half of a 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained
1 egg, well beaten
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup toasted pine nuts or toasted chopped walnuts
1/2 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 cup honey
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
5 lb. fully cooked half ham or 5 lb. boneless, fully cooked ham

In a mixing bowl, stir together spinach, egg, cheese, nuts, basil and onion powder. Set aside. Stir together honey and mustard. Set aside.

Slit ham through center and side. Pack spinach mixture into slits. Bake ham in a 350° oven for 1 1/2 hours. Brush ham with half of honey mixture. Let stand 15 minutes. Makes 12 servings.

Christmas Popcorn Balls by Robert Scott

8 cups of popped popcorn
1/2 cup red candied cherries halved
1/2 cup green candied cherries halved
1/2 cup peanuts
1/2 cup sugar
6 tablespoons butter or margarine
3 tablespoons light corn syrup
1/4 teaspoon baking soda

Remove all unpopped kernels from popcorn. Lightly butter a large baking pan. Combine popcorn, red cherries, green cherries and peanuts in prepared pan, in a 1 1/2 quart saucepan, combine sugar, butter and corn syrup. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to boiling. Reduce heat & simmer 5 min. Remove from heat. Stir in baking soda. Stir in and coat popcorn mixture.

Bake in a 300° oven for 15 minutes. Stir. Bake 5 minutes longer. Remove popcorn mixture from pan and spread out on aluminum foil. When warm to the touch, place 1/2 cup mixture in center of a 12-inch piece of plain or colored plastic wrap. Secure with ribbon or string. Insert a wire hook through tie and hang on tree. Makes 16 balls.

Scotty's Light Ginger Cookies by Robert Scott

3 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup shortening
1/4 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a small baking bowl, combine flour, baking powder, ginger, salt and cloves. In a large mixer bowl, beat butter and shortening until smooth. Add sugar and beat until well blended and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla and beat well. At low speed gradually beat in flour mixture until well mixed. Divide dough in half. Cover and chill 1 to 2 hours or until easy to handle. On a lightly floured surface roll dough 1/8 inch thick. Cut with cookie cutters. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in 375° oven 7 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges. Cool on wire rack. Makes 3 dozen 2-inch cookies.

Sweet Potatoes Hawaiian Style by Suzanne Van Schoor

Seafarer Suzanne Van Schoor, who hails from Hawaii, mailed her recipe from Southampton in the United Kingdom while aboard the C.S. Long Lines.

1/4 cup butter or fat
6 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut in half lengthwise
1 cup brown sugar
1 1/2 cups undrained crushed pineapple

Melt the butter or fat in a skillet, brown the potatoes in it. Add brown sugar and pineapple sugar and pineapple. Cook over low heat for 45 minutes or until tender. Turn the potatoes frequently. Serves 6 to 8.

Beer Bread by Geraldine Borozan

Retired SIU secretary Geraldine Borozan submitted this recipe which she reported is "quick, easy and delicious."

3 cups self-rising flour
2 teaspoons sugar
1 can (12-oz.) beer

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix all ingredients together until well blended. Grease bread pan; pour in batter and bake in 350° oven for one hour, or until brown on top.

Rhubarb Cream Cheese Pie by Jeanne Rice

Jeanne Rice, a mother of a merchant seaman, thought LOG readers would like this delicious recipe.

1 deep 9" pie shell (unbaked)
1 pound of rhubarb (3 cups), cut up
1 1/2 cup sugar or honey
3 tablespoons flour
1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar or honey
2 eggs
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup (8 oz. carton) sour cream

Mix the prepared rhubarb with the first half of sugar (or honey) and flour and place in the pie shell. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes to cook rhubarb. While this is baking, mix cream cheese with second half of sugar (or honey), then beat in eggs one at a time. When rhubarb is cooked (15 minutes), remove from oven and lower temperature to 350°. Pour cheese mixture over

hot rhubarb and return to 350° oven for 30 minutes. Mix sour cream and 2 tablespoons of sugar and vanilla extract and spread over hot pie when second baking is complete (30 minutes). Cool, chill and serve.

Know Your Rights

FINANCIAL REPORTS. The constitution of the SIU Atlantic, Gulf, Lakes and Inland Waters District makes specific provision for safeguarding the membership's money and Union finances. The constitution requires a detailed audit by Certified Public Accountants every year, which is to be submitted to the membership by the Secretary-Treasurer. A yearly finance committee of rank-and-file members, elected by the membership, makes examination each year of the finances of the Union and reports fully their findings and recommendations. Members of this committee may make dissenting reports, specific recommendations and separate findings.

TRUST FUNDS. All trust funds of the SIU Atlantic, Gulf, Lakes and Inland Waters District are administered in accordance with the provisions of various trust fund agreements. All these agreements specify that the trustees in charge of these funds shall equally consist of Union and management representatives and their alternates. All expenditures and disbursements of trust funds are made only upon approval by a majority of the trustees. All trust fund financial records are available at the headquarters of the various trust funds.

SHIPPING RIGHTS. A member's shipping rights and seniority are protected exclusively by contracts between the Union and the employers. Members should get to know their shipping rights. Copies of these contracts are posted and available in all Union halls. If members believe there have been violations of their shipping or seniority rights as contained in the contracts between the Union and the employers, they should notify the Seafarers Appeals Board by certified mail, return receipt requested. The proper address for this is:

Angus Red Campbell,
Chairman
Seafarers Appeals Board
5201 Auth Way
Camp Springs, Md. 20746

Full copies of contracts as referred to are available to members at all times, either by writing directly to the Union or to the Seafarers Appeals Board.

CONTRACTS. Copies of all SIU contracts are available in all SIU halls. These contracts specify the wages and conditions under which an SIU member works and lives aboard a ship or boat. Members should know their contract rights, as well as their obligations, such as filing for overtime (OT) on the proper sheets and in the proper manner. If, at any time, a member believes that an SIU patrolman or other Union official fails to protect their contractual rights properly, they should contact the nearest SIU port agent.

EDITORIAL POLICY—THE SEAFARERS LOG. The Seafarers LOG traditionally has refrained from publishing any article serving the political purposes of any individual in the Union, officer or member. It also has refrained from publishing articles deemed harmful to the Union or its collective membership. This established policy has been reaffirmed by membership action at the September 1960 meetings in all constitutional ports. The responsibility for Seafarers LOG policy is vested in an editorial board which consists of the Executive Board of the Union. The Executive Board may delegate, from among its ranks, one individual to carry out this responsibility.

PAYMENT OF MONIES. No monies are to be paid to anyone in any official capacity in the SIU unless an official Union receipt is given for same. Under no circumstances should any member pay any money for any reason unless he is given such receipt. In the event anyone attempts to require any such payment be made without supplying a receipt, or if a member is required to make a payment and is given an official receipt, but feels that he should not have been required to make such payment, this should immediately be reported to Union headquarters.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. Copies of the SIU constitution are available in all Union halls. All members should obtain copies of this constitution so as to familiarize themselves with its contents. Any time a member feels any other member or officer is attempting to deprive him of any constitutional right or obligation by any methods such as dealing with charges, trials, etc., as well as all other details, the member so affected should immediately notify headquarters.

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SEAFARERS POLITICAL ACTIVITY DONATION—SPAD. SPAD is a separate segregated fund. Its proceeds are used to further its objects and purposes including, but not limited to, furthering the political, social and economic interests of maritime workers, the preservation and furthering of the American Merchant Marine with improved employment opportunities for seamen and boatmen and the advancement of trade union concepts. In connection with such objects, SPAD supports and contributes to political candidates for elective office. All contributions are voluntary. No contribution may be solicited or received because of force, job discrimination, financial reprisal, or threat of such conduct, or as a condition of membership in the Union or of employment. If a contribution is made by reason of the above improper conduct, the member should notify the Seafarers Union or SPAD by certified mail within 30 days of the contribution for investigation and appropriate action and refund, if involuntary. A member should support SPAD to protect and further his economic, political and social interests, and American trade union concepts.



If at any time a member feels that any of the above rights have been violated, or that he has been denied his constitutional right of access to Union records or information, he should immediately notify SIU President Michael Sacco at headquarters by certified mail, return receipt requested. The address is 5201 Auth Way, Camp Springs, Md. 20746.

Final Departures

DEEP SEA

CIRILO BAQUILOD

Pensioner Cirilo Baquilod, 91, passed away recently. He was born in the Philippine Islands and joined the SIU in 1953 in the port of New York. Brother Baquilod shipped in the steward department. He retired in January 1971.

HOWARD COLE

Pensioner Howard Cole, 65, died August 18. He was born in McKinney, Texas and joined the Seafarers in 1959 in the port of Houston. Brother Cole sailed in the deck department. He served in the Army from 1944 to 1947. Brother Cole became a pensioner in March 1989.

CLARENCE CONKLE

Pensioner Clarence Conkle, 68, passed away September 25 as a result of heart failure. Born in West Virginia, he joined the union in 1943 in the port of New York. Brother Conkle shipped in the engine department. He retired in August 1979.

WILLIAM DAVEY

Pensioner William Davey, 70, died recently. A native of Green Bay, Wis., he joined the SIU in 1947 in the port of New Orleans. Brother Davey sailed in the galley gang. He served in the Army from 1939 until 1945. Brother Davey retired in December 1982.

THOMAS DORAN

Thomas Doran, 42, passed away October 14. He was born in Bethesda, Md. and graduated from the Lundeberg School in 1974. Brother Doran shipped in the black gang, and he upgraded frequently at the Lundeberg School. He last sailed in September 1990.

WALTER FITZGERALD

Pensioner Walter Fitzgerald, 89, died October 3. The Georgia native joined the SIU in 1967 in the port of Jacksonville, Fla. Brother Fitzgerald sailed in the engine department. He served in the Navy from 1921 to 1925. Brother Fitzgerald retired in July 1978.

HERMAN GREEN

Herman Green, 68, passed away September 5. A native of Texas, he joined the Marine Cooks and Stewards in 1973, before that union merged with the AGLIWD. Brother Green completed steward recertification in 1980. He served in the Army from 1942 to 1943. He last shipped in August 1989.

JOSEPH HENRY

Pensioner Joseph Henry, 80, died August 15. He was born in Texas and joined the Marine Cooks and Stewards before that union merged with the AGLIWD. Brother Henry retired in August 1974.

JOAQUIN MALDONADO

Pensioner Joaquin Maldonado, 84, passed away October 21. The native of Puerto Rico joined the SIU as a charter member in 1938 in the port of New York. Brother Maldonado shipped in the deck department. He became a pensioner in December 1966.

ISAAC MITCHELL

Pensioner Isaac Mitchell, 84, died August 8. He was born in Texas and joined the Marine Cooks and Stewards before that union merged with AGLIWD. Brother Mitchell retired in April 1977.

DONALD MURPHY

Pensioner Donald Murphy, 66, passed away October 12. A native of Norfolk, Va., he joined the SIU in 1956 in the port of Baltimore. Brother Murphy sailed in the engine department and upgraded frequently at the Lundeberg School. He retired in February 1989.

JAKE NORRIS

Pensioner Jake Norris, 90, passed away August 14. The Louisiana native joined the Marine Cooks and Stewards in 1950 in the port of San Francisco, before that union merged with the AGLIWD. Brother Norris retired in September 1968.

WILLIAM NUNEZ

Pensioner William Nunez, 89, died October 9. Born in the Philippine Islands, he joined the SIU as a charter member in 1939 in the port of New York. Brother Nunez shipped in the black gang. He retired in January 1965.

FRANK PANETTE

Frank Panette, 63, passed away October 21. He was born in Massachusetts and joined the Seafarers in 1947 in the port of New York. Brother Panette sailed in the engine department. In 1984

he upgraded at the Lundeberg School. He served in the Army from 1951 until 1953. Brother Panette was an active member at the time of his death.

ALBERT RICHOUX



Pensioner Albert Richoux, 68, died September 26. He joined the SIU in 1941 in his native New Orleans. Brother Richoux shipped in the galley gang. He retired in October 1982.

VICTOR ROMOLO

Victor Romolo, 65, passed away October 20. He joined the Seafarers in 1947 in his native New York. In 1982, Brother Romolo completed the steward recertification course. He was an active member at the time of his death.

JOSE TABLAS



Pensioner Jose Tablas, 76, died December 18, 1990. Born in California, he joined the SIU in 1951 in the port of New York. Brother Tablas shipped in the deck department. He retired in May 1983.

JOSEPH WILSON

Pensioner Joseph Wilson, 66, passed away September 22. The native of Toledo, Ohio joined the Marine Cooks and Stewards in 1972 in the port of Seattle, before that union merged with the AGLIWD. Brother Wilson served in the Army from 1944 until 1949. He retired in December 1985.

INLAND

JOHN HATHCOCK

Pensioner John Hathcock, 80, died September 9. Born in Florida, he joined the union in 1973 in the port of Mobile, Ala. Boatman Hathcock shipped as a mate. He began receiving his pension in July 1978.

GREAT LAKES

THOMAS McMAHON

Thomas McMahon, 63, passed away August 4. He was born in Wheeling, W. Va. and in 1971 joined the SIU in the port of Detroit. Brother McMahon shipped in the engine department. In 1978 he upgraded at Piney Point to QMED. He served in the Army from 1946 to 1947. Brother McMahon last shipped in 1979.

SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR GREAT LAKES TUG AND DREDGE PENSION FUND

This is a summary of the annual report of the Great Lakes Tug and Dredge Pension Fund EIN 13-1953878 for the year ended December 31, 1990. The annual report has been filed with the Internal Revenue Service, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Basic Financial Statement

Benefits under the Plan are provided by the Trust.

Plan expenses were \$880,555; these expenses included \$175,162 in administrative expenses and \$705,393 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries. A total of 542 persons were participants in or beneficiaries of the Plan at the end of the Plan year, although not all of these persons had yet earned the right to receive benefits.

The value of Plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the Plan, was \$14,571,440 as of December 31, 1990 compared to \$14,469,688 as of January 1, 1990.

During the Plan year, the Plan experienced an increase in its net assets of \$101,752. This increase included unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the value of Plan assets; that is, the difference between the current value of assets at the beginning of the year plus the cost of any assets acquired during the year less the current value of assets at the end of the year. The Plan had total income of \$982,307, including employer contributions of \$213,355, employee contributions of \$113,809, gains of (loss) of (\$45,850) from the sale of assets, and earnings from investments of \$700,993.

Minimum Funding Standards

An actuary's statement shows that enough money was contributed to the Plan to keep it funded in accordance with the minimum funding standards of ERISA.

Your Rights to Additional Information

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

1. An accountant's report.
2. Assets held for investment.
3. Actuarial information regarding the funding of the Plan, and
4. Service provider and trustee information.

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of Nicholas J. Marrone, who is the Plan Administrator, 5201 Auth Way, Camp Springs, MD 20746; (301) 899-0675. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$2.00 for the full annual report, or \$.10 per page for any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the Plan Administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the Plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the Plan Administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for the copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the Plan at 5201 Auth Way, Camp Springs, MD 20746, and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure, Room N4677, Pension and Welfare Benefit Programs, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20216.

MTD: Full Recognition Due WWII Mariners

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years to recognize." Ostro then read from the wireless cable received that day in 1945.

One passage said, "Victory message to the Merchant Navy. For more than five-and-a-half years side by side with the Allied Merchant Navies in the face of continual and merciless attacks by the enemy, you have maintained the ceaseless flow of sea traffic on which the life and strength of this country depend. The Admiralty have also asked me to express on their behalf and on behalf of the Royal Navy their admiration for the great contribution made by the merchant Navy to the

common victory through all the perils and rigors of more than five-and-a-half years of war at sea."

In noting that American WWII seamen's eligibility date for veterans status is some 16 months earlier than the day set for the entire Armed Forces, Ostro noted the unfairness of the situation in an interview with the Seafarers LOG. "What we were doing out there wasn't a lark. It wasn't a cruise. We were as much at risk as any military personnel. Each of us had a gun station, each of us was trained to man the guns in the event something happened to the armed guard."

Lundeberg School Graduates Five Classes



Trainee Lifeboat Class 484—Graduating from trainee lifeboat class 484 are (from left, kneeling) Ben Cusic (instructor), Marvin Smith, Fred Castillo III, Dayna Roger, Joel Mendez, Tim Haag, Paul Carlton, Lorenzo Houston, Tom Zemianek, (second row) Marco Alicea, Steven Burroughs, John Burke, Troy Mack, Henry Haleakala, Glen Bohner II, Bill O'Neill, Raymond Elmore Jr., Gregory Wasiek, (third row) Nash Henrietta, Ben Shupp, Michael Chupp and Jason Cooper.



Trainee Lifeboat Class 485—Recently graduating from trainee lifeboat class 485 are (from left, kneeling) Nathaniel Salomonsky, Michael Watts, Mike Paber, Kendra Tomlinson, Rick Dunston, Michael Boulter, (second row) Phil McGuire (instructor), Sean Taylor, Scot Jauma, Jeffrey Ludy, Eddie Wood, Louis Valles, Todd Fowler, (third row) Trevor Woodley, Alan Alston, Michael Rogers, Phillip Rankin, Eric Hyson, Robert Fleming, Anthony Schlumm, Ryan Gilsenan, (fourth row) Kyle Howell and Nathan Owens.



Upgraders Lifeboat—Receiving their lifeboat training certificates on October 22 are (from left, kneeling) Tony Martin (MSC), Freia R. Scott (MSC), Alex Paulino (MSC), Olivia Ratliff (MSC), Angelo Journigan, Tom Laffey, (second row) James Bennefield, M.M.F. Mostafa, Bobby A. Shuler, Vera M. Foster (MSC), Al Jackson, Robert West, Dick Higgins, (third row) Patrick Wynne and Billy J. Phillips.



Upgraders Lifeboat—Certificates of training were received by the November 5 class of upgraders. They are (from left, front row) Adolfo Arzu, Maria Hanna, John Fagan, (second row) Jake Karaczynski (instructor), Paul Cadran, William Henderson, (third row) Keith W. Harness, Washington Oree Jr. and Ingvar Antonsson.



Welding—A certificate of graduation was issued on October 22 for completion of the welding course to (from left, Frank Bolton, John Wong, Robert Stancavage, Tom Harris and Bill Foley (instructor).

Evening College Comes to Lundeberg School

- WHAT:** DEVELOPMENTAL AND COLLEGE CLASSES offered during evening hours for eight-week sessions.
- WHEN:** MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS from 1730 to 2030 or TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS from 1730 to 2030 from January 8 to February 28, 1992.
- WHO:** ALL LUNDEBERG SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF are eligible.
- WHERE:** ACADEMIC BUNGALOWS, Lundeberg School
- WHY:** EARN CREDIT for an eight-week evening class while you are taking a daytime upgrading course or working a daytime job.
- HOW:** WALK-IN REGISTRATION in the TRC lobby Monday, January 6 and Tuesday, January 7 — 1600 to 200.

Notices for future sessions will be announced in the Seafarers LOG. There will be six sessions offered in 1992.

Lundeberg School Course Dates Corrected

Several course dates originally listed in the "Guide to 1992 Lundeberg School Courses" (see Special Supplement, Seafarers LOG, November 1991) have been changed.

The FOWT course originally scheduled for March 16 to April 24 now is set for March 2 to April 10.

The final four Able Bodied Seaman's courses scheduled to begin in May have been delayed by two weeks. The new course dates are May 25 to July 3, July 20 to August 28, September 14 to October 23 and November 9 to December 18.

Also, the length of the AB course was listed incorrectly in the class descriptions. It is a six-week course.

With these and any other courses, please be sure to contact the Lundeberg School's admissions office for any last minute changes.



1992 UPGRADING COURSE SCHEDULE

The following is the current course schedule for January-May 1992 at the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship. All programs are geared to improve job skills of SIU members and to promote the American maritime industry.

The course schedule may change to reflect the membership's and industry's needs as well as the national emergency mobilization in the Persian Gulf.

Deck Upgrading Courses

Course	Check-In Date	Completion Date
Able Seaman	January 20 March 16 May 25	February 28 April 24 July 3
Lifeboatman	January 6 January 20 February 3 February 17 March 2 March 16 March 30 April 13 April 27 May 11 May 25	January 17 January 31 February 14 February 28 March 13 March 27 April 10 April 24 May 8 May 22 June 12
Ship Handling	January 27 March 2 May 4	February 7 March 13 May 15
Radar Observer Unlimited	January 20 March 16 May 18	January 24 March 20 May 22
Celestial Navigation	February 10 April 6	March 6 May 1
Third Mate	January 6 May 4	April 17 August 14
Limited Mates License	January 27	March 3
Upon completion, the Sealift Operations course must be taken.		
Tankerman	March 16	April 10

Oil Spill Course

Course	Check-In Date	Completion Date
Oil Spill Prevention & Containment (1 week)	March 2 April 13 April 27	March 6 April 17 May 1

Upon completion, the Sealift Operations course must be taken.

Recertification Programs

Course	Check-In Date	Completion Date
Bosun Recertification	March 30	May 4
Steward Recertification	January 27	March 2

Steward Upgrading Courses

Course	Check-In Date	Completion Date
Assistant Cook, Cook and Baker, Chief Cook, Chief Steward	All open-ended (contact admissions office for starting dates)	

Upon completion, all students will take a Sealift Familiarization class.

Engine Upgrading Courses

Course	Check-In Date	Completion Date
QMED-Any Rating	January 6 May 11	March 27 July 31
Fireman/Watertender and Oiler	January 20 March 2 May 11	February 28 April 10 June 19

All students must take the Oil Spill Prevention and Containment class.

Pumproom Maintenance & Operations	January 6 May 11	February 14 June 19
Marine Electrical Maintenance	January 6 April 27	February 21 June 19
Assistant Engineer (Deep Sea & Inland)	March 2	May 8
Refrigeration Maintenance & Operations	January 6 May 11	February 14 June 19
Refrigerated Containers—Advance Maintenance	March 2	April 10
Marine Electronics—Technician-I	January 6 May 11	February 14 June 19
Marine Electronics—Technician-II	February 17	March 27
Basic Electronics	April 13	May 8
Welding	January 20 February 17	February 14 March 13
Hydraulics	March 16	April 10

All students in the Engine Department will have a two-week Sealift Familiarization class at the end of their regular course.

1991-92 Adult Education Schedule

The following courses are available through the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship in Piney Point, Md. Please contact the admissions office if you are interested in attending.

Course	Check-In Date	Completion Date
High School Equivalency (GED)	All open-ended (contact admissions office for starting dates)	
Adult Basic Education (ABE)		
English as a Second Language (ESL)		

SHLSS College Program Schedule for 1992

FULL 8-week Sessions	Check-In Date	Completion Date
	January 6 March 16 May 11	February 28 May 8 July 3

UPGRADING APPLICATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Mo./Day/Year)

Address _____
(Street)
(City) (State) (Zip Code) Telephone _____
(Area Code)

Deep Sea Member ☐ Lakes Member ☐ Inland Waters Member ☐ Pacific ☐

If the following information is not filled out completely your application will not be processed.

Social Security # _____ Book # _____

Seniority _____ Department _____

U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No Home Port _____

Endorsement(s) or License(s) now held _____

Are you a graduate of the SHLSS trainee program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which program: from _____ to _____

Last grade of school completed _____ (dates attended)

Have you attended any SHLSS upgrading courses? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, course(s) taken _____

Have you taken any SHLSS Sealift Operations courses? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many weeks have you completed? _____

Do you hold the U.S. Coast Guard Life Boatman Endorsement?

☐ Yes ☐ No Firefighting: ☐ Yes ☐ No CPR: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date available for training _____

Primary language spoken _____

With this application COPIES of your discharges *must* be submitted showing sufficient time to qualify yourself for the course(s) requested. You also *must* submit a COPY of each of the following: the first page of your union book indicating your department and seniority, your clinic card and the front and back of your Lundeberg School identification card listing the course(s) you have taken and completed. The Admissions Office **WILL NOT** schedule you until all of the above are received.

VESSEL _____ RATING _____ DATE _____ DATE OF _____
HELD SHIPPED DISCHARGE

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

I am interested in the following course(s) checked below or indicated here if not listed

DECK
☐ AB/Sealift
☐ 1st Class Pilot
☐ Third Mate
☐ Radar Observer Unlimited
☐ Master Inspected Towing Vessel
☐ Towboat Operator Inland
☐ Celestial Navigation
☐ Simulator Course

ENGINE
☐ FOWT
☐ QMED—Any Rating
☐ Variable Speed DC Drive Systems (Marine Electronics)

☐ Marine Electrical Maintenance
☐ Pumproom Maintenance & Operation
☐ Refrigeration Systems Maintenance & Operation
☐ Diesel Engine Technology
☐ Assistant Engineer/Chief Engineer Motor Vessel
☐ Original 3rd Engineer Steam or Motor
☐ Refrigerated Containers
☐ Advanced Maintenance
☐ Electro-Hydraulic Systems
☐ Automation
☐ Hydraulics
☐ Marine Electronics Technician

STEWARD
☐ Assistant Cook Utility
☐ Cook and Baker
☐ Chief Cook
☐ Chief Steward
☐ Towboat Inland Cook

ALL DEPARTMENTS
☐ Welding
☐ Lifeboatman (Must be taken with another course)

ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
☐ Adult Basic Education (ABE)
☐ High School Equivalency Program (GED)
☐ Developmental Studies (DVS)
☐ English as a Second Language (ESL)
☐ ABE/ESL Lifeboat Preparation

COLLEGE PROGRAM
☐ Associates in Arts Degree
☐ Certificate Programs

Transportation will be paid in accordance with the scheduling letter only if you present original receipts and successfully complete the course. If you have any questions, contact your port agent before departing for Piney Point.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: Seafarers Harry Lundeberg Upgrading Center, P.O. Box 75, Piney Point, MD. 20674

Holiday Greetings

Seafarers and their families, friends and shipmates were invited by the LOG to send in their special holiday messages. These appear on pages 19-22

Persian Gulf Redeployment to Continue into New Year

The redeployment of U.S. military equipment and ammunition used in the Persian Gulf war will continue into 1992 with Ready Reserve Force (RRF) and commercial chartered vessels being laid up gradually as more cargo comes home.

"American-flag vessels continue to be a valuable asset in the redeployment effort," a spokesman for the Military Sealift Command (MSC), the military's sealift transportation agency, told the Seafarers LOG.

As of the end of November, MSC was using 40 RRF vessels, including the Flickertail State, and 21 commercial charters in Operation Desert Sortie. Thirteen of the commercial vessels operate under the U.S. flag. SIU crews are sailing aboard 37 of the vessels.

Almost 96 percent of all U.S. unit equipment has been brought back to the United States from Saudi Arabia, according to the MSC spokesman. Approximately 6,000 pieces remain as the military has not decided exactly what

equipment will stay and what will return.

Only 38 percent of the ammunition sent to the Middle East for the battle against Iraq has been shipped back during Desert Sortie. Again, the military has not determined what will be left behind.

At the height of the Persian Gulf build-up, known as Operation Desert Shield (from August 1990 until fighting began January 16), MSC had engaged a total of 238 vessels, of which 136 flew the American flag. Also taking part in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm (the period from January 16 to the cease-fire agreement on April 11), SIU members crewed all the fast sealift and the two aviation logistics support ships as well as many of the prepositioning, commercial, RRF and hospital ships called into action.

The MSC spokesman said listing a date when the redeployment would end would be "premature," however work is scheduled through the early months of 1992.



Bosun Paul Butterworth passes an assignment to AB Dotty Hoffman on board the Flickertail State, an RRF vessel used by MSC to return cargo and ammunition during the on-going Operation Desert Sortie.



Chief Steward Eddy Usmany itemizes the stores needed for the RRF vessel's next voyage to the Middle East.



After preparing the evening meal, Chief Cook Juan M. Rosario checks on last-minute details.



SA Dennis Cooper gets acquainted with a boa at the Singapore Zoo during the Lundeberg School graduate's first voyage.



AB Joe Crocco mans the gangway watch aboard the Flickertail State while it was in Jacksonville, Fla.



Racing across the deck of the RRF ship, Oiler Rafael Rosado heads for the engine room.



Recent Lundeberg School graduates Tim Greenawalt (bending) and Lance Sholes prepare a bucket of lube oil to be lifted into a crane.

Help Locate This Missing Child

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has asked the membership of the SIU to help locate Lauryn Tiffany Livingston. The 2-year-old was abducted by her non-custodial mother, Tiffany Kay Robinson, in Riverside, Calif.

The child has brown hair and brown eyes. At the time of her abduction, she was 2 ft. 6 in. tall and weighed 24 pounds. An identifying feature is her right earlobe, which has an extra piece of cartilage.

Her non-custodial mother, Tiffany Kay Robinson, who also goes under the name Tiffany Livingston, is 23 years old, 4 ft. 11 in. and weighs 115 pounds. She has brown hair and brown eyes. A felony warrant has been issued for violation of her custody agreement.

Anyone having information should contact The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at (800) 843-5678 or the San Bernadino County District Attorney's Office (Calif.) Child Abduction Unit at (714) 387-8521.



Lauryn Tiffany Livingston