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## CS Anthem Joins Tanker Security Program

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(Photo courtesy Crowley)



## SIU Helps Welcome New U.S.-Flag Tonnage

SIU officials were part of the festivities Aug. 26 at Hanwha Philly Shipyard, where the national security multi-mission vessel *State of Maine* was christened. Pictured prior to the ceremony are (from left) SIU VP Joseph Soresi, former DOT and DOL Secretary Elaine L. Chao (the vessel's godmother), SIU VP George Tricker, and SIU President David Heindel. *Page 4.*



## Seafarers Show Solidarity At Labor Day Gatherings

The union had strong turnouts at various Labor Day events across the country, including the annual parade sponsored by the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition. Seafarers are pictured below during that event, including (foreground, right to left) SIU VP Joe Vincenzo and SIU Port Agent Gerret Jarman. *Page 5.*



Remembering El Faro Mariners



David Heindel

In many ways, it doesn't seem possible that so much time has passed, but October 1 marks the tenth anniversary of the *El Faro* tragedy. As of this writing in mid-September, we are planning to hold a memorial observance on Tuesday, September 30, at the *El Faro* monument located at our Jacksonville hiring hall. The vessel operator, TOTE, is also planning a service on October 1 at their memorial, likewise in Jacksonville. Naturally, we will participate in both events. For those newer to the SIU or unfamiliar with the history, the *El Faro* was lost to Hurricane Joaquin near the Bahamas in 2015. All 33 crew members perished, including 17 SIU members.

Our November 2015 edition of the *Seafarers LOG* contains comprehensive coverage of the tragedy. That issue is available on our website and in the bound volumes located at our halls. As always, we continue to honor and remember those shipmates, and we extend our solidarity to their families and loved ones. May our brothers and sisters from the *El Faro* forever rest in peace.

Uplifting Ceremony

As reported elsewhere in this edition, I recently joined SIU Vice Presidents George Tricker and Joe Soresi at the christening of the *State of Maine*, the third of five National Security Multi-Mission Vessels (NSMVs) being built at Hanwha Philadelphia Shipyard. The NSMVs primarily serve as training ships but can also be activated in times of national need – and when that happens, SIU members will crew the vessels.

Our longtime friend Elaine Chao served as godmother of the *State of Maine*. True to form, she was gracious in her remarks and went out of her way to recognize the SIU. For those newer to our ranks, Secretary Chao has long been a champion of maritime, particularly during her tenure as U.S. Secretary of Labor under President George W. Bush and as Transportation Secretary during the first Trump administration. She played a decisive role in protecting the Jones Act and strengthening the Maritime Administration in 2017. The christening was a grand occasion, with notable participants including pro-maritime U.S. Senator Todd Young (R) of Indiana, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro (D), and even the President of South Korea. South Korea's massive investment in the Philadelphia shipyard is expected to boost American shipbuilding, and should help advance critical provisions of the SHIPS for America Act. It was an inspiring day that underscored the growing momentum around U.S. shipbuilding. With billions in new investment, we may be witnessing the launch of a new era for our industry. **A Message to Apprentices** Finally, I want to take a moment to speak directly to everyone in the apprentice program at our affiliated school, the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education. You've chosen a great time to enter the maritime industry. Demand for skilled mariners has never been stronger, and the opportunities ahead are significant. Whether you're training for the deck, engine, or steward department, the skills you're learning now will serve you for a lifetime. New programs and scholarships – like the Michael Sacco Scholarship and our AB-to-Mate and QMED-to-Third Engineer initiatives – are opening even more doors for advancement (for all Seafarers). Stay focused, stay committed, and know that you are joining a proud Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the Sea. You are the future of our union, and we're counting on you to carry forward the tradition of strength, solidarity, and service.

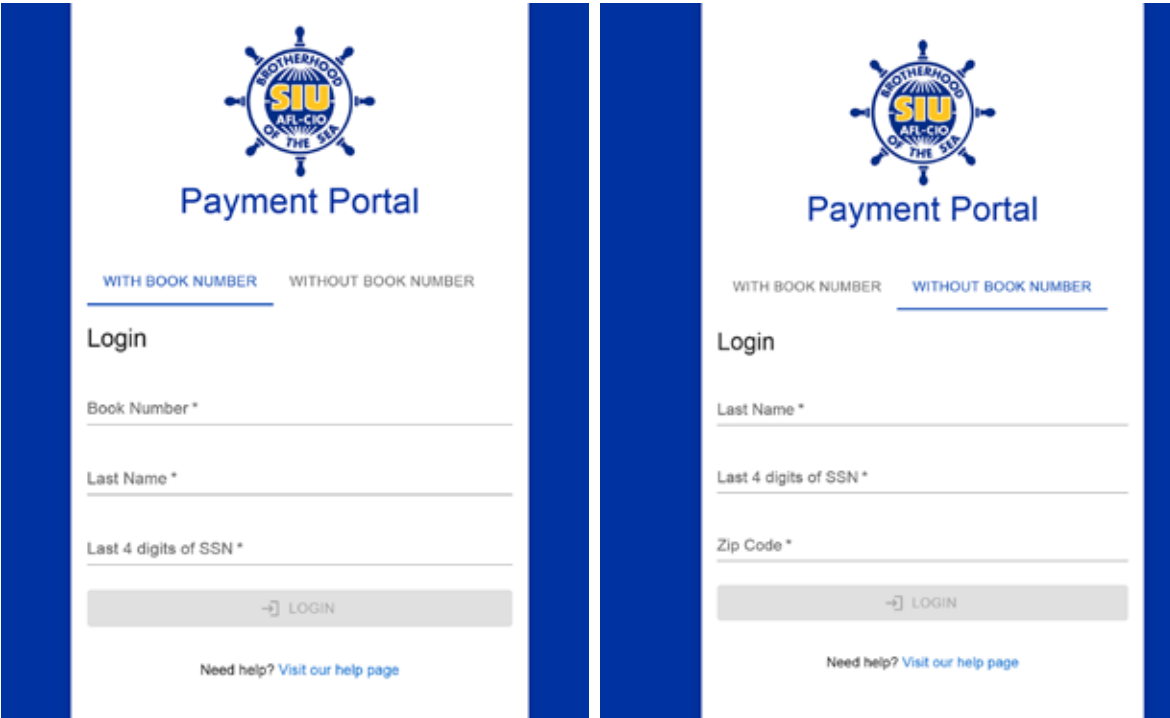
Online Dues Portal Available

Seafarers now have the option to pay their union dues online. The new dues portal, launched in late September, can be accessed several different ways. There is a clickable "Dues Portal" graphic on the SIU home page; a standalone drop-down menu item under "My Portal"; and a QR code. Members also can go directly to the web address <https://payment-portal.seafarers.org/login> "The portal's functionality is very straightforward and user-friendly," said SIU Secretary-Treasurer Tom Orzechowski. "Members absolutely can continue to pay their dues without using the portal, but I'm optimistic about the online option, which I have already personally utilized."



This code is linked to the new online dues portal.

Seafarers can log in with or without a book number, and may opt to set up "AutoPay." Receipts can be printed directly from the portal; duplicate receipts can be printed at the hiring halls. Once they're logged in, Seafarers also have the option of donating to the Maritime Defense League. In mid-September, posters announcing the portal's launch (and including the QR code) were sent to all hiring halls for display.



As reflected by these screenshots, members can log in with or without a book number.

Affiliates Convene in Piney Point



The Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education recently hosted separate conventions for two Seafarers-affiliated unions: the United Industrial Workers (Sept. 4-5) and the Seafarers Entertainment and Allied Trades Union (Sept. 10-11). SIU President David Heindel is at left in photo above, left, with SIU Secretary-Treasurer Tom Orzechowski during the UIW convention. SIU Exec. VP Augie Tellez is pictured above, middle, at the SEATU convention. SIU Political and Legislative Director Brian Schoeneman (remaining photo) addressed both gatherings and encouraged union members to remain involved in grassroots activities. Heindel and Orzechowski were re-elected to their respective positions (president, secretary-treasurer) in each union, while Tellez was re-elected as a SEATU VP (he is not a UIW officer).

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# CS Anthem Joins SIU Fleet

Pictured aboard the newly reflagged vessel are (from left) ABW Owen Lehman, Pumpman Luis Sepulveda, ABW Steven McKelvey, ABW Blake Seele, Recertified Bosun Richard Blackman, ABM Orvin Mejia, and ABM Kervin Guevara.

**S**IU members are sailing aboard the *CS Anthem*, a new addition to the Seafarers-contracted fleet.

Built in 2017 in South Korea, the tanker is being operated by Intrepid Personnel and Provisioning via Crowley Stena Marine Solutions, the joint venture between Crowley and Stena Bulk. The *CS Anthem* is entering the U.S. Tanker Security Program (TSP) as a replacement for the *Stena Immaculate*.

Formerly named the *STI Bosphorus*, the *CS Anthem* is 600 feet long and has a breadth of 105 feet.

Recertified Bosun **Richard Blackman**, corresponding with the *LOG* when the ship arrived in Piraeus, Greece, on Sept. 19 stated, "Everyone on board is doing well and is excited about this reflag. Also of note, we have some people who are making their first trip across the pond."

## National Glory Plays Key Role in Averting Shoreside Disaster

For the SIU-crewed *National Glory*, arriving at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Sept. 1 should have been unremarkable.

Instead, SIU and AMO members aboard the Pasha ship were startled to witness an accidental shoreside fire near their berth that could have proven disastrous if not for their prompt, professional actions.

Vessel master Capt. Darl Langford reported, "A diesel-powered generator caught fire. Diesel fuel storage tanks and neighboring reefer boxes were in close proximity to the fire. All shoreside resources had been expended, and fire continued

"The addition of the *CS Anthem* demonstrates our commitment to strengthening U.S. maritime security and providing reliable, U.S.-crewed tanker capacity in support of national defense," said Tucker Gilliam, vice president of fleet operations for Crowley Shipping. "Together with Stena Bulk, we are proud to continue advancing solutions that serve both commercial and government energy transportation needs."

Among the first SIU members to sail aboard the vessel were Bosun Blackman, ABs **Kervin Guevara**, **Steven McKelvey**, **Orvin Mejia**, **Owen Lehman** and **Blake Seele**, QMEDs **Jennifer Diola**, **Luis Sepulveda** and **Ahmed Sennain**, Wiper **Mario Amaya**, Steward/Baker **Michael Page**, Chief Cook **Francis Solmirano** and SA **Myriam Sepulveda**.

As noted by the U.S. Maritime Administra

tion, "The Tanker Security Program will ensure that a core fleet of U.S.-based product tankers can operate competitively in international trade and enhance U.S. supply chain resiliency for liquid fuel products. The TSP will provide the Department of Defense with assured access to ... U.S.-registered product tank vessels that may be used to supply the armed forces with fuel during times of armed conflict or national emergency."

On March 10, the Madeira-flag container ship *Solong* hit the Crowley-operated *Stena Immaculate* even though the U.S.-flag tanker had been anchored off Britain's east coast for at least 15 hours. Both ships caught fire; all 23 mariners from the Crowley vessel successfully launched and boarded their lifeboat, and made it ashore unharmed. The crew credited their safety training as vital to their positive outcome.

shore didn't have enough equipment to fight the fire. It's always a good experience to help other people, and I'm glad we were able to assist. It probably took two or three hours" not counting the evening recurrences.

Eligio added, "I appreciate our captain involving us. It wasn't our problem, but we were glad to help, and I think we did a good job."

SIU members aboard the *National Glory* during the operation included Eligio, ABs **Randolph Cash**, **Alberto Lasso**, and **Erik Ruiz**, STOSs **Aniyah Napier** and **Darren Joseph**, QEE **Boyko Kovatchev**, Oilers **Michael Taylor** and **Shamar Rhoden**, Recertified Steward **Lionel Packnett**, and Chief Cook **Herminio Gutierrez Jr.**

National Shipping Agencies President Torey Presti said, "Frankly, if the *National Glory* were not present, this could have been disastrous for the port. Full marks to both the AMO/SIU crew! Great job!"



These photos show the generator fire on shore and the immediate aftermath of the firefighting efforts led by SIU and AMO members.

# Third National Security Multi-Mission Vessel Christened



The *State of Maine* docks at the site of its construction: Hanwha Philly Shipyard, a union shop.

**S**IU officials were part of the celebration Aug. 26 as Hanwha Philly Shipyard hosted the christening of the *State of Maine*, the third of five cutting-edge national security multi-mission vessels (NSMV). SIU President David Heindel and Vice Presidents George Tricker and Joseph Soresi joined other guests for the late-afternoon gathering.

Hanwha Philly Shipyard is a union facility.

Built for Maine Maritime Academy, the *State of Maine* primarily will serve as a training ship, but also will be available for humanitarian and security missions. The SIU will provide unlicensed manpower whenever an NSMV is activated; the union also crewed up the first three such vessels for sea trials.

Former Secretary of Transportation and Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao served as the *State of Maine*'s godmother.

In announcing the ceremony, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) pointed out that the NSMV program "directly supports nearly 1,500 skilled jobs in Philadelphia and boosts American competitiveness at sea and ashore."

President Lee Jae Myung of the Republic of Korea,

and Acting Maritime Administrator Sang Yi were among those who spoke during the ceremony.

"This vessel marks a new era for American maritime power," said Yi. "MARAD's mission to modernize sealift and empower the U.S. Merchant Marine hinges on relentless innovation and partnership. Together, we can build the fleet America needs to secure our future and dominate the seas."

"This vessel represents a major step forward in our mission to train the world's finest mariners," said Maine Maritime Academy President Craig Johnson. "As our first purpose-built training ship, the *State of Maine* will provide world-class learning experiences for cadets pursuing unlimited tonnage licenses. It's a game-changer for our mission and a powerful reflection of what's possible through strong partnerships and shared vision."

In a news release, DOT Secretary Sean Duffy said, "*State of Maine* is more than a ship – it's a strategic investment in the people and infrastructure that keep America's maritime economy strong. Our cadets deserve cutting-edge tools and training to become the industry leaders who will keep our

nation strong and ready when it matters most."

Stretching 525 feet long and able to sail at 18 knots, a single NSMV can accommodate 600 cadets and up to 1,000 people in times of humanitarian need. These vessels boast eight classrooms, cutting-edge labs, a training bridge, auditorium, helicopter pad, advanced medical facilities, and roll-on/roll-off and container capacity.

The *State of Maine* joins the *Empire State* and *Patriot State* already in service, with two more NSMVs under construction at Hanwha Philly Shipyard, destined for Texas and California maritime schools.

One day before the christening, HD Hyundai launched a multi-billion-dollar investment program to revitalize the U.S. shipbuilding industry. The company signed a memorandum of understanding with Cerberus Capital and the Korea Development Bank in Washington, D.C., to establish a U.S.-Korea maritime joint investment program. Presiding over the signing were U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick and Korea's Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy Kim Jung-kwan.



Attending the ceremony are (from left) MEBA President Adam Vocak, AMO President Willie Barrere, and SIU President David Heindel.



Behind the confetti, The Hon. Elaine L. Chao christens the new vessel in Philadelphia.

# Seafarers Turn Out for Labor Day Rallies

## AFL-CIO President: ‘Working People are Going to Save Ourselves’

SIU personnel helped account for strong turnouts at Labor Day events across the country, including at gatherings in California, Texas, South Dakota, Louisiana and elsewhere.

For this year, the AFL-CIO promoted the holiday as Workers’ Labor Day – a high point on the federation’s nationwide “It’s Better in a Union: Fighting for Freedom, Fairness and Security” bus tour.

Several days before Workers’ Labor Day, AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler delivered her annual “State of the Unions” address. A longtime friend of the SIU, Shuler described Labor Day 2025 as being unlike any other “in the history of our movement and our country.” She said that during the bus tour, workers consistently asked her, in their own words, “Why is my future being ripped away?”

Her answer is that billionaires and corporations now control the government, and they’re not stopping there. The labor movement is the biggest force standing in their way, Shuler said.

“We’ve seen greedy CEOs and billionaires before, but we’ve never seen CEOs and billionaires in full control of our lives,” she stated. “Four are running government agencies.... The state of working people is under attack.”

Labor has fought back, especially against corporate control of the government. “We filed lawsuits, we demonstrated and we organized,”

Shuler said. “And we’re one step away from passing the Support America’s Workers Act,” designed to reverse executive orders that have taken away collective bargaining rights in much of the federal sector. “That ability to take on power is what unions do.... It’s why we can unite people around values we all agree on.”

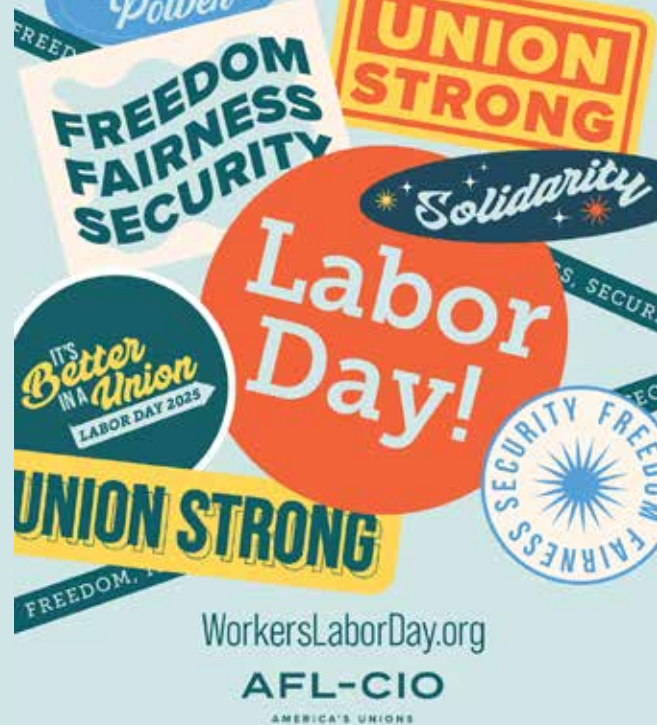
Shuler didn’t spare either major political party for responsibility for many current challenges. It’s been festering for decades, as both Democrats and Republicans are co-opted by the corporations and the rich, she said.

“This didn’t start with Donald Trump,” she said. “This is a system that has hurt people for more than 40 years. And if we push people to the edge, we can’t be surprised if working Americans turn against the system.”

Backing up that sentiment, the Pew Research Center reported this summer that its annual survey of satisfaction with democracy showed opinion in the U.S. was 62% negative, 37% positive.

“Politics alone won’t fix this,” Shuler pointed out. “There are members of both sides” of the political party aisle “who would happily let you get automated out of a job if they get a campaign check from your CEO.”

She also noted that public support for unions is at a modern high – though her remarks came against



a backdrop of the administration’s extermination of more than 30 union contracts covering a million federal workers.

“It doesn’t have to be this way,” Shuler concluded. “Things can be different if we build real, sustained power that shows up every day – not just once every four years. Republicans aren’t going to save us. Democrats aren’t going to save us. Working people are going to save ourselves.”



**HOUSTON AREA** – The SIU had a strong turnout during the Texas AFL-CIO’s Labor Day weekend observances, including the kickoff event in Crosby: a BBQ cookoff benefiting the Harris County Labor Assembly Scholarship Fund. In the group photo with the tent in the background are SIU Port Agent J.B. Niday, SA Mary Rochez, Recertified Bosun Zeki Karaahmet, SIU Asst. VP Joe Zavala, SIU VP Dean Corgoy, SA Keydi Montes and Capt. Mark Kazin. The other snapshot includes a few of the aforementioned folks and some future Seafarers.



**WEST COAST** – The Wilmington hiring hall was the gathering spot for the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition’s 46th Annual Labor Solidarity Parade and Picnic Rally. The event’s theme: Fighting for The Future of Labor! Pictured from left in the smaller group photo are SEIU California President David Huerta, AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler, SIU VP Joe Vincenzo, SIU Port Agent Gerret Jarman (tucked away is future Seafarer Brielle, Gerret’s daughter), and MTD Executive Secretary-Treasurer Brittanie Potter. Most of the SIU contingent is shown in the other posed photo.



**NEW ORLEANS** – In photo above, left, two generations of Seafarers chat during the Greater New Orleans AFL-CIO Labor Day picnic: retired inland Capt. Timmy Doyle and his son, Recertified Bosun Kelly Doyle. In the remaining photo, SIU Asst. VP Chris Westbrook (right) greets State Rep. Rodney Lyons (D).



**SOUTH DAKOTA** – AB Tim Behnke joined the union rally in Sioux Falls to show support for America’s working families.

# Tacoma-Area Seafarers Celebrate Community Service, Camaraderie

Dozens of active and retired Seafarers, family members and friends turned out Aug. 22 for the yearly barbeque at the hiring hall in Tacoma, Washington.

This year's event, while quite upbeat, also contained a tinge of melancholy. The gathering is in part a thank you to the SIU members who volunteer for the annual philanthropic outreach program known as Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful – and the union has learned that next year may well be the last.

Nevertheless, the cookout was a hit, and it attracted more than 40 members plus retirees and others.

SIU Tacoma Port Agent Danielle Woodward noted, "The continuity between the previous and the present generation of Seafarers serves as a reminder that we stand on the shoulders and hard work of others who have gone before in putting to sea and waving the SIU banner in a manner that we can all be proud of. This year we give a vote of thanks to our volunteers who made the barbeque possible. So, a heartfelt thank you to Steward **Clark Williams**, SREC **Erwin Renon**, SREC **Chris Amigable** and GUDE **Joey Lata** for firing up and manning the grills, as well as the serving line. Our stewards did a wonderful job preparing some splendid fare for all."

Woodward added that, as in years past, the barbeque also marked the beginning of the SIU's participation in the annual toy drive in partnership with Santa's Castle, benefiting U.S. military families.

"It is no surprise that Tacoma Seafarers are off to a good start, bringing in new toys or reaching into their own pockets to put money into the kitty for the families," she said.



Retired BREC Dana Cella, SIU VP Joseph Vincenzo



CC Saleh Ahmed, retired SREC Tommy Belvin, SB Clark Williams



SA Robert Seals



QMED Charles Bishop



GUDE Joey Lata



SREC Erwin Renon



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SIU Port Agent Danielle Woodward, CC Marylouise Maddox



AB Leonard Soriano, AB Samuel Schwimmer



Recertified Bosun Sanjay Gupta (right) is accompanied by his wife and daughter, greeted by SIU VP Joe Vincenzo (left) and recently retired SIU VP Nick Marrone.



BREC Alfie Cicat (right) and son

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# Inquiring Seafarer

*This month's question was answered by members at the SIU-affiliated Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training, located in Piney Point, Maryland.*

## Question: What are some things that you like about this school?



**Pauline Crespo Guillen**  
Chief Steward

The school gives you the structure that you need. My favorite part of the school is that you get to meet people from different stages of life, and you learn how to work together with them, especially when you work in the galley. You meet people of different ages and different cultures, all united to serve one mission.



**Antonio Zorrilla**  
Steward Assistant

I like the classes that they offer here in Piney Point because I enjoy cooking and I also enjoy learning more about it.



**Brianna Ashley**  
FOWT

I would say my favorite part has been upgrading, and the people and the instructors at the school are really nice.



**Latoria Fairley**  
GUDE

The school really prepares you for sailing and gives you a good idea of the things that you'll face while you're out at sea.



**Ray Winter**  
STOS

My favorite thing about the school is the atmosphere. All of the instructors that I've had were super cool and very helpful. The staff and everyone else have been super kind to me since I started out two years ago.



**Francisco Amada**  
Steward Assistant

I like cooking in the galley, fishing, and exploring the campus.

## Pic from the Past



SIU Asst. VP George Ripoll (third from left), a colorful character from SIU history, conducts a meeting aboard Waterman's *William Cooper* in 1982. Joining him are SIU Representative Joe Air and Seafarers Richard Parrish, James Carter Jr., Jack Bluitt and Julius Thrasher. Ripoll, a decorated military combat veteran, served the union in various capacities for 37 years before retiring in 1991. He passed away in 2012, at age 78. He held a sixth-degree black belt in karate, was the 1961 world jujitsu champion and earned a gold medal in a 1965 international competition against the Soviet Union.



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## October & November Membership Meetings

Piney Point	Monday: Oct. 6, Nov. 3
Algonac	Thursday: Oct. 16, Nov. 13
Baltimore	Thursday: Oct. 9, Nov. 6
Guam	Thursday: Oct. 23, Nov. 20
Honolulu	Friday: Oct. 17, Nov. 14
Houston	<b>Tuesday: Oct. 14</b> , Monday: Nov. 10
Jacksonville	Thursday: Oct. 9, Nov. 6
Joliet	Thursday: Oct. 16, Nov. 13
Mobile	Wednesday: Oct. 15, Nov. 12
New Orleans	Tuesday: Oct. 14, <b>Wednesday: Nov. 12</b>
Jersey City	Tuesday: Oct. 7, Nov. 4
Norfolk	Friday: Oct. 10, Nov. 7
Oakland	Thursday: Oct. 16, Nov. 13
Philadelphia	Wednesday: Oct. 8, Nov. 5
Port Everglades	Thursday: Oct. 16, Nov. 13
San Juan	Thursday: Oct. 9, Nov. 6
St. Louis	Friday: Oct. 17, Nov. 14
Tacoma	Friday: Oct. 24, Nov. 21
Wilmington	Monday: Oct. 20, Nov. 17

Meeting date changes due to holidays

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

## Dispatchers' Report for Deep Sea

"Total Registered" and "Total Shipped" data is cumulative from August 15 - September 16, 2025.  
"Registered on the Beach" data is as of September 16, 2025.

Port	Total Registered All Groups			Total Shipped All Groups			Trip Reliefs	Registered on Beach All Groups		
	A	B	C	A	B	C		A	B	C
Deck Department										
Algonac	21	10	4	13	5	1	2	27	13	4
Anchorage	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	4	4	1
Baltimore	6	4	1	2	7	1	5	6	0	1
Fort Lauderdale	18	7	4	17	6	2	7	27	11	7
Guam	5	1	0	1	2	0	1	8	2	2
Harvey	9	9	6	5	5	2	2	11	7	10
Honolulu	3	2	0	1	2	0	1	3	2	0
Houston	30	22	6	28	13	5	16	49	25	11
Jacksonville	35	32	14	24	15	6	11	49	38	20
Jersey City	19	6	6	14	4	3	5	36	10	6
Joliet	2	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	4	3
Mobile	10	6	4	4	4	2	2	11	4	6
Norfolk	27	20	6	14	11	4	4	32	27	13
Oakland	10	0	0	8	4	0	3	13	1	1
Philadelphia	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	6	1	2
Piney Point	5	4	0	3	2	0	1	3	4	0
Puerto Rico	4	3	0	5	5	0	3	9	1	0
St. Louis	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	3	2
Tacoma	27	7	2	22	4	4	12	25	7	3
Wilmington	24	9	7	21	12	2	10	42	10	4
TOTAL	262	149	63	188	102	33	86	364	174	96
Engine Department										
Algonac	7	2	0	5	0	1	2	7	4	0
Anchorage	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Baltimore	6	4	0	5	2	0	2	4	3	0
Fort Lauderdale	9	6	2	9	10	1	3	11	6	2
Guam	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Harvey	5	6	0	5	4	0	0	4	4	2
Honolulu	5	0	1	3	2	2	1	11	0	1
Houston	6	6	3	2	3	2	3	11	9	9
Jacksonville	27	11	5	22	10	5	6	27	21	8
Jersey City	8	3	0	6	4	0	5	12	6	0
Joliet	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Mobile	5	2	1	3	1	0	1	4	3	1
Norfolk	19	12	4	13	18	4	4	14	11	5
Oakland	8	2	0	5	2	0	0	5	7	1
Philadelphia	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	3	1
Piney Point	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Puerto Rico	3	2	1	4	2	1	2	4	2	1
St. Louis	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0
Tacoma	3	5	1	3	2	0	0	16	7	1
Wilmington	10	3	3	12	4	2	3	19	5	4
TOTAL	130	67	22	104	67	18	32	159	93	37
Steward Department										
Algonac	2	1	0	3	2	1	1	5	2	0
Anchorage	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
Baltimore	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Fort Lauderdale	3	5	0	5	3	0	1	8	6	1
Guam	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	0
Harvey	1	4	0	2	2	0	1	3	6	0
Honolulu	3	2	1	6	2	0	1	8	2	1
Houston	11	8	2	4	7	0	5	17	16	4
Jacksonville	16	17	3	17	19	2	11	32	28	7
Jersey City	6	6	0	4	4	0	1	12	8	0
Joliet	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mobile	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	0
Norfolk	17	8	5	11	9	5	7	17	14	6
Oakland	8	1	0	9	0	0	2	9	4	0
Philadelphia	3	1	1	4	1	0	4	3	0	2
Piney Point	5	5	1	1	3	2	1	6	1	0
Puerto Rico	2	8	1	4	4	1	0	5	9	0
St. Louis	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
Tacoma	9	4	1	8	2	0	1	13	5	2
Wilmington	23	6	4	18	5	1	6	30	9	3
TOTAL	116	86	20	95	66	14	39	177	122	26
Entry Department										
Algonac	1	10	14	0	4	1	2	1	10	22
Anchorage	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
Baltimore	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0
Fort Lauderdale	2	6	19	1	6	7	3	2	5	18
Guam	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Harvey	3	5	5	1	2	2	1	3	3	6
Honolulu	0	0	10	0	1	4	0	0	3	9
Houston	0	20	12	4	12	4	2	8	29	27
Jacksonville	1	30	59	1	21	15	4	0	39	99
Jersey City	1	15	10	0	6	7	3	2	23	19
Joliet	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mobile	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Norfolk	0	12	32	1	10	17	1	0	10	62
Oakland	0	8	16	0	7	13	1	0	8	27
Philadelphia	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Piney Point	0	2	1	0	2	1	4	0	1	2
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tacoma	8	9	6	3	5	4	2	4	9	10
Wilmington	0	10	16	0	8	9	2	0	11	37
TOTAL	16	129	208	11	87	87	26	20	156	353
GRAND TOTAL	524	431	313	398	322	152	183	720	545	512

# At Sea & Ashore with the SIU



**ABOARD AMERICAN ENERGY** – AB Wilson Ruiz (right) and Safety Director Ricky Rivera are pictured Sept. 2 aboard the Intrepid-operated LNG carrier in Puerto Rico.



**MEETING WITH CAPE T CREWS** – Seafarers from the *Cape Texas* and *Cape Trinity* meet aboard the latter ship last month in Beaumont, Texas. Patrolman Kirk Pegan (second from right) serviced the vessels as they are transferred to TOTE. Pictured from left are GUDE Rogelio Jamora, OS Claude Baule, OMI Chantanique Reid, Electrician Mark Campbell, GUDE Cotisha Long Green, Bosun Walter Bonifacio, Pegan, and Bosun Chris Nagle.



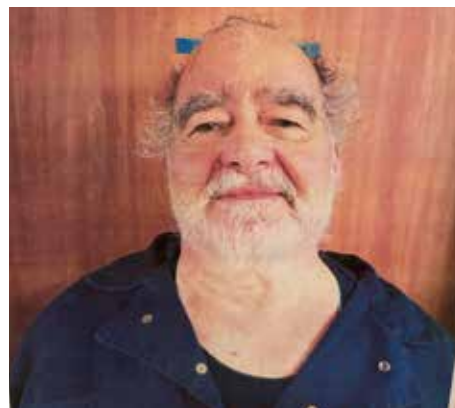
**SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS** – The Seafarers-crewed *Cape Hudson* (Patriot), part of the U.S. Ready Reserve Force, recently supported exercise Super Garuda Shield 2025, a multinational exercise “featuring combined training across multiple domains, which showcases the ability of U.S. and allied forces to work together in the Indo-Pacific,” the U.S. Department of Defense reported. “*Cape Hudson* [played] an essential role in port operations by delivering equipment and supplies that [kept] the exercise moving,” said U.S. Navy Capt. David L. Reyes, commodore, MSC Far East. “This offload [demonstrated] how critical maritime logistics are to sustaining the mission and ensuring our joint forces can operate at full strength.” The ship, pictured in Indonesia, is part of the U.S. Ready Reserve Force. (Full vessel photo by Grady T. Fontana, cargo photo courtesy DVIDS)



**TALKING UNION IN FLORIDA** – SIU Asst. VP Kris Hopkins (right) chats with pro-worker U.S. Rep. Darren Soto (D-Florida) during the Florida AFL-CIO convention in Orlando. The congressman is a strong supporter of America’s working families.



**RIP BROTHER GRAHAM** – The union is mourning the unexpected passing of Jr. Engineer Dale Graham. He passed away in his sleep July 26 aboard the *Alliance St. Louis* (Maersk Line, Limited). A shipboard memorial service took place, and his shipmates also put together an impromptu tribute area aboard the vessel, as pictured here. Brother Graham was held in high regard and is missed.



**SHIPBOARD SERVICING IMMINENT** – The SIU-crewed *Midnight Sun* (TOTE) docks in the Pacific Northwest in late August.



**ABOARD M/T FLORIDA** – Pictured in late August aboard the Intrepid ship in Tacoma, Washington, are (from left) Chief Cook Crystal Cobbs and Recertified Bosun Samuel Duah.



**TALKING UNION IN THE COMMONWEALTH** – SIU VP Sam Spain (left) and Safety Director Anthony Houston (right) meet with Jay Jones, candidate for Virginia Attorney General, during the Virginia AFL-CIO’s 27th Biennial State Conference & 2025 Political Convention in Williamsburg.

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**ABOARD GREEN DELTA** – Many thanks to Recertified Bosun Greg Jackson for these recent snapshots from the Waterman ship, taken as the vessel left Japan and headed for the Pacific Northwest. From left to right in the galley are AB Ruby Jones and Chief Cook Tekeisha Brown. Brown is also in the solo pic, displaying her well-received pineapple upside down cake. The remaining photo includes GUDE Mohsen Abdullah (left) and an officer during a shipboard cornhole tournament. Jackson, a Seafarer since the late 1970s, credited the chief cook for being “a very dedicated union member.”

**FELLOWSHIP IN PUERTO RICO** – Taken at the hall in San Juan, this Seafaring Selfie includes (from left) QMED Jose Alicea, Electrician Angel Cintron, AB Victor Velez, and SIU Asst. VP Amancio Crespo, right on the verge of what looks like a good meal.



**WITH SEAFARERS AT HOUSTON HALL** – In photo above, right, ABG Irving Carlos Rueda (second from right), who started sailing with the SIU in 2002, picks up his first pension check. Congratulating him are (from left) Patrolman Kirk Pegan, Port Agent J.B. Niday, and Asst. VP Joe Zavala. In photo above, left, Recertified Bosun LBJ Tanoa (center) and Electrician Phillip Greenwell (right) file for vacation and tour the facility. Niday is at left. In the remaining snapshot, Steward/Baker Matthew Carroll (right) doesn't have a firm schedule, but aims to eventually visit every hiring hall – and he recently checked Houston off the list. At left is SIU Patrolman Anthony Jacobson.



**ABOARD CAPT DAVID LYON** – Engine department mariners are pictured aboard the ship in South Korea, wearing shirts that commemorate vessel operator Sealift Inc.'s 50th anniversary. From left are Paul Hall Center Apprentice Steven Eustaquio, OMU Myckal Sands, OMU Omar Espinosa, Paul Hall Center Apprentice David Clark, 2E Richard Jones, 1E John Nelson, CE Gregory Brooke, OMU Grant Loveless, and 3E Ethan Dorval.



**PROMOTING WORKERS' RIGHTS** – Union representatives met with Puerto Rico's newly appointed Secretary of Labor in mid-August to discuss various issues pertaining to the local workforce. Pictured from left are Benjamin Marsh of the territory's NLRB, Hector Reyes from the IBEW, SIU Asst. VP Amancio Crespo, Puerto Rico Labor Secretary Maria Del Pilar Velez, Nadry Martinez from the Federation of Workers of Puerto Rico (FTPR, affiliated with the AFL-CIO), Luis Estrella from IATSE, Yaphet Torres from the Steelworkers, and Reynaldo Santiago Gonzalez from the Labor Secretary's office. “We thanked The Honorable Maria Del Pilar Velez for her open-door policy and reiterated our commitment to working for a prosperous Puerto Rico,” Crespo noted.



**ABOARD MATSON TACOMA** – Chief Cook Rewell Encina (left) and SA Khaldoon Shamman serve lunch aboard the ship in (appropriately) Tacoma, Washington, in late August.

**ABOARD USNS DAHL** – The galley gang aboard the Patriot vessel put out a Labor Day feast for their shipmates. Pictured from left are SA Tiburico Garcia, SA Mahmood Monassar, Recertified Steward Michael Ingram, and Chief Cook Nikita Johnson.

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**ABOARD PRESIDENT MONROE** – As seen during Taco Tuesday aboard the APL ship. Pictured from left in the Seafaring Selfie are Steward/Baker James Watson, Chief Cook Perry Asuncion, and SIU Oakland Port Agent Duane Akers. Asuncion and Watson are in the other photos as well.



**RECRUITING MILITARY PERSONNEL** – SIU Asst. VP Chris Westbrook (right in both photos) and Patrolman Jack McElveen IV (left in both) took part in the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans 2025 Job Fair that happened on base in Belle Chasse on Sept. 4. Westbrook stated, "The event was a great success, and we were able to connect with multiple servicemen that qualify for our program. It's a privilege to be able to offer the opportunity of a seafaring career to the men and women serving our country."



**ABOARD JANET MARIE** – QEE Richard Huffman, a Seafarer since 1999, is pictured aboard the Sunrise Operations/Pasha vessel.



**HONORING WWII MARINERS** – The U.S. Merchant Marine very much was part of the Sept. 2 ceremony in our nation's capital marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Coordinated by the Friends of the National World War II Memorial and the National Park Service, the solemn gathering took place at the National World War II Memorial. Dave Yoho, a World War II mariner, was a featured speaker, and one of the wreaths honored the U.S. Merchant Marine. World War II veterans placed wreaths at the Freedom Wall, paying tribute to their fallen brothers and sisters. Many thanks to retired SIU Recertified Bosun Dan Marcus for the wreath photo shown here.

## Members Ratify New Three-Year Agreement



Pictured above is the negotiating team (from left to right) Captain Jason Dameron, Philadelphia Port Agent Joe Baselice, Atlantic Coast Vice President Joseph Soresi and Mate Ervin Sadler.

On August 4, 2025, members sailing with Express Marine ratified a new three-year agreement, which calls for annual wage increases and other gains.

"Our members can be proud of this Agreement," said Philadelphia Port Agent Joe Baselice, who served on the negotiations committee. "We were able to secure significant annual wage increases, along with other bonuses and contributions from the company that deliver major gains for the membership."

Other members of the negotiating team included Atlantic Coast Vice President Joseph Soresi, and members Captain **Jason Dameron** and Mate **Ervin Sadler**.

The new contract also includes safety bonuses and other incentives, as well as overtime pay and two new holidays. In addition, the agreement will include an increase in contributions to the Seafarers Money Purchase Plan, while maintaining medical benefits at the Core Plus level and 2-for-1 pension accrual.

# Welcome Ashore!

We pay tribute to our brothers and sisters of the SIU who have recently retired. THANK YOU for a job well done and we wish you fair winds and following seas.

## DEEP SEA

### NASSER ALOMARI

Brother Nasser Alomari, 65, joined the union in 1993, initially sailing aboard the *Independence*. He worked in the steward department and upgraded at the Piney Point school on multiple occasions. Brother Alomari last shipped on the *Overseas Los Angeles* and lives in Dearborn, Michigan.



### MICHAEL BAUTISTA

Brother Michael Bautista, 62, started sailing with the SIU in 1987 and first worked on the *USNS Assertive*. He shipped in the engine department and upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. Brother Bautista most recently sailed on the *Pride of America*. He resides in Kapolei, Hawaii.



### DAVID BLACK

Brother David Black, 66, became a member of the union in 2002 when he sailed aboard the *USNS Pathfinder*. A deck department member, he upgraded at the Piney Point school on multiple occasions. Brother Black's last vessel was the *USNS Henson*. He makes his home in Miami.



### MONTE BECK

Brother Monte Beck, 66, signed on with the SIU in 1978. He first sailed aboard the *Brooks Range* and worked in the engine department. Brother Beck upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. He last shipped on the *Nedlloyd Holland* and is a resident of St. Augustine, Florida.

### RAFAEL BORJA

Brother Rafael Borja, 70, joined the Seafarers International Union in 2001 and first sailed aboard the *William Baugh*. He upgraded at the Piney Point school on several occasions and sailed in the steward department. Brother Borja most recently shipped aboard the *Maersk Chesapeake* and settled in East Elmhurst, New York.



### STEPHEN BRADFUTE

Brother Stephen Bradfute, 66, embarked on his career with the SIU in 2000 when he sailed on the *Steven L. Bennett*. He shipped in the engine department and upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. Brother Bradfute concluded his career aboard the *Charger* and lives in Maple Falls, Washington.



### RUSSELL BRAVO

Brother Russell Bravo, 66, signed on with the union in 2010, initially sailing aboard the *Ocean Crescent*. He worked in the engine department and upgraded often at the union-affiliated Piney Point school. Brother Bravo most recently shipped on the *USNS Curtiss* and is a resident of Chico, California.



### RANDY CLARK

Brother Randy Clark, 65, started sailing with the SIU in 1980 when he shipped with Delta Queen Steamboat Company. He sailed primarily in the engine department and upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. Brother Clark's final vessel was the *SBX*. He makes his home in Brookhaven, Mississippi.



### THEODORE COOKE

Brother Theodore Cooke, 65, began his career with the Seafarers International Union in 1999. An engine department member, he first sailed aboard the *USNS Bob Hope*. Brother Cooke upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions and last shipped on the *USNS Pomeroy*. He is a resident of Carrollton, Mississippi.



### EDSEL DEARCE

Brother Edsel Dearce, 65, began sailing with the Seafarers in 2001 and first worked aboard the *Denali*. He upgraded on multiple occasions at the Piney Point school and shipped in the deck department. Brother Dearce most recently sailed on the *Alaskan Explorer* and makes his home in Torrance, California.

### GEORGE DIEFENBACH

Brother George Diefenbach, 69, began sailing with the Seafarers in 1981. He was a deck department member and first shipped on the *Overseas Boston*. Brother Diefenbach upgraded his skills at the Piney Point school on multiple occasions. He last sailed on the *Quality* and lives in Wareham, Massachusetts.

### PAUL DILBECK

Brother Paul Dilbeck, 73, joined the union in 2001 and first sailed aboard the *Prince William Sound*. Brother Dilbeck was a member of the deck department and most recently shipped on the *Horizon Pacific*. He resides in Pacifica, California.

### PAUL DOOLEY

Brother Paul Dooley, 65, donned the SIU colors in 1998 when he sailed with Higman Barge Lines. He upgraded on multiple occasions at the Piney Point school and worked in the deck department. Brother Dooley concluded his career aboard the *National Glory*. He resides in New Caney, Texas.



### JOSEPH EVANS

Brother Joseph Evans, 74, became an SIU member in 2012. He was a deck department member and upgraded on several occasions at the Paul Hall Center. Brother Evans's first vessel was the *Mokihana*; his last, the *Pride of America*. He makes his home in Honolulu.



### CARLOS FERREIRA

Brother Carlos Ferreira, 64, joined the union in 1984. He first shipped on the *Independence* and sailed in the steward department. Brother Ferreira upgraded at the union-affiliated Piney Point school on multiple occasions and last sailed aboard the *Jack Lummus*. Brother Ferreira resides in Pompano Beach, Florida.



### JESSE FLEMING

Brother Jesse Fleming, 68, started sailing with the union in 1977, initially working aboard the *Aquila*. He sailed in the deck department and upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. Brother Fleming concluded his career aboard the *Guayama*. He lives in Tafton, Pennsylvania.

### EMELENE GARCIA

Sister Emelene Garcia, 66, embarked on her career with the Seafarers in 2010 when she sailed aboard the *Pride of America*. She upgraded at the Piney Point school on numerous occasions and worked in the steward department. Sister Garcia's final vessel was the *Stena Imperative*. She makes her home in Las Vegas.



### ROBERT GOLDSON

Brother Robert Goldson, 68, signed on with the SIU in 2004 when he sailed on the *Calvin P. Titus*. He shipped in the deck department and upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. Brother Goldson's final vessel was the *SLNC York*. He resides in Oakland, California.



### JOLANTA JANKOWSKI

Sister Jolanta Jankowski, 70, began sailing with the Seafarers in 2016. A steward department member, she first sailed aboard the *Shughart*. Sister Jankowski upgraded at the Piney Point school on multiple occasions. She concluded her career aboard the *Brittin* and settled in Tacoma, Washington.



### RHONDA KOSKI

Sister Rhonda Koski, 70, donned the SIU colors in 1980 when she sailed aboard the *Southdown Challenger*. She upgraded on several occasions at the Paul Hall Center and worked in the engine department. Sister Koski concluded her career aboard the *Horizon Reliance*. She resides in Kent, Washington.

# Welcome Ashore!

## JONATHON MEADOW

Brother Jonathon Meadow, 70, started sailing with the union in 1975, initially working aboard the *Connecticut*. He sailed in the deck department and upgraded his skills at the Piney Point school in 1987. Brother Meadow last shipped on the *USNS Altair* and makes his home in Eugene, Oregon.

## ANTONIO NORMAN

Brother Antonio Norman, 67, joined the SIU in 1990 and first shipped on the *Samuel L. Cobb*. He worked in all three departments and last shipped on the *Lawrence Gianella*. Brother Norman resides in Richmond, California.



## LARRY PASCUA

Brother Larry Pascua, 65, embarked on his career with the Seafarers in 1999. An engine department member, he first sailed aboard the *Long Lines*. Brother Pascua upgraded at the Piney Point school on several occasions and concluded his career aboard the *Midnight Sun*. He lives in Waipahu, Hawaii.



## JOSEPH PINO

Brother Joseph Pino, 65, became a member of the union in 2012. He worked in the deck department and upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. Brother Pino sailed on the *Pride of America* for the duration of his career. He makes his home in Honolulu.

## LAKHBIR POONI

Brother Lakhbir Pooni, 66, joined the Seafarers International Union in 2004 and first sailed aboard the *Innovator*. He worked in the engine department and concluded his career aboard the *Keystone State*. Brother Pooni resides in Tracy, California.



## LAWRENCE RICHARDSON

Brother Lawrence Richardson, 65, donned the SIU colors in 1999. He first sailed aboard the *USNS Pathfinder* and was a deck department member. Brother Richardson upgraded his skills at the Piney Point school on multiple occasions and last shipped aboard the *Florida*. He lives in Jacksonville, Florida.



## HECTOR SANCHEZ

Brother Hector Sanchez, 80, signed on with the union in 2001 and initially sailed aboard the *Argonaut*. He worked in the deck department and upgraded on multiple occasions at the union-affiliated Piney Point school. Brother Sanchez most recently shipped on the *Eagle* and is a resident of Rio Blanco, Puerto Rico.



## ASKER SHAIBI

Brother Asker Shaibi, 70, started sailing with the SIU in 1979 when he shipped on the *OMI Leader*. A deck department member, Brother Shaibi concluded his career aboard the *North Star*. He makes his home in Rochester, New York.



## ERNEST SMITH

Brother Ernest Smith, 65, joined the union in 2000 and first worked aboard the *USNS Capable*. He upgraded on several occasions at the Piney Point school and shipped in the engine department. Brother Smith most recently sailed on the *USNS Victorious* and makes his home in New Orleans.



## VINCENT TURNER

Brother Vincent Turner, 65, embarked on his career with the Seafarers in 2001. He sailed in both the deck and engine departments and first shipped with Marine Personnel & Provisioning. Brother Turner upgraded his skills at the Piney Point school on multiple occasions. He last sailed on the *Prestige New York* and lives in Summerville, South Carolina.



## WILLIS WELCH

Brother Willis Welch, 65, became a member of the Seafarers International Union in 2003. Brother Welch worked on shore gangs and was employed by GFC Crane consultants for the duration of his career. He resides in Lauderhill, Florida.

## KEVIN WRAY

Brother Kevin Wray, 65, donned the SIU colors in 1988. An engine department member, he upgraded his skills at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. Brother Wray's first vessel was the *USNS Wyman*; his last, the *Overseas Washington*. He makes his home in Gig Harbor, Washington.



## INLAND

### JON BEARD

Brother Jon Beard, 65, signed on with the union in 1983. He sailed in the engine department, initially working on the *Taurus*. Brother Beard upgraded his skills often at the Piney Point school. He concluded his career working for Moran Towing of Maryland and settled in Baldwin, Maryland.



### HARVEY COLON

Brother Harvey Colon, 63, donned the SIU colors in 2001 when he shipped on the *Manhattan*. He was a deck department member and was most recently employed with Port Imperial Ferry. Brother Colon is a resident of Roselle Park, New Jersey.



## MARK DETLEFSEN

Brother Mark Detlesfen, 65, began sailing with the Seafarers International Union in 1992. He worked in the deck department and upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on multiple occasions. Brother Detlesfen worked with Crowley Towing & Transportation for the duration of his career. He lives in Milton, Florida.

## CARL MOORE

Brother Carl Moore, 63, joined the SIU in 2017, first sailing aboard the *Rocketship*. Brother Moore sailed in the steward department and upgraded at the Piney Point school on multiple occasions. He last sailed with Crowley Towing & Transportation and resides in Mobile, Alabama.



## JAMES RICE

Brother James Rice, 63, embarked on his career with the Seafarers in 1988. He sailed in the deck department and was employed with OLS Transport for his entire career. Brother Rice lives in New Lenox, Illinois.

## DAVID RICH

Brother David Rich, 64, signed on with the union in 1979 when he worked with Inland Tugs. He sailed in the deck department and was last employed by Mariner Towing. Brother Rich makes his home in Dade City, Florida.

## WILLIAM SNYDER

Brother William Snyder, 65, signed on with the SIU in 1997. He sailed in the deck department and upgraded his skills on multiple occasions at the Paul Hall Center. Brother Snyder was employed with Port Imperial Ferry for the duration of his career. He resides in Matawan, New Jersey.



## JAMES THOMAS

Brother James Thomas, 64, became a member of the union in 1982, initially shipping with STC Peggy S. Company. Brother Thomas worked in both the deck and engine departments. He was last employed with Piney Point Transportation and settled in Crisfield, Maryland.

## GREAT LAKES

### PAUL SMETANA

Brother Paul Smetana, 65, began his career with the Seafarers International Union in 1995. He first sailed aboard the *Presque Isle* and worked in both the deck and engine departments. Brother Smetana upgraded at the Paul Hall Center on several occasions and last shipped on the *Walter J. McCarthy*. He is a resident of Foxboro, Wisconsin.



## NMU

### MICHAEL FINNIE

Brother Michael Finnie, 70, signed on with the union during the 2001 SIU/NMU merger. He shipped in the deck department and concluded his career aboard the *Chestnut Hill*. Brother Finnie lives in San Antonio, Texas.

# Digest of Shipboard Union 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 first 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. The minutes are then forwarded to the Seafarers LOG for publication.

**LIBERTY PEACE** (Liberty Maritime Corporation), May 18 – Chairman **Timothy Kauble**, Secretary **Steve Concepcion**, Educational Director **Tony Washington**, Engine Delegate **Tyrice Peterson**, Steward Delegate **Laura Katschman**. Members reviewed old business including requests for transformers and gym equipment. Chairman encouraged crew to continue working well together and gave a special thanks to steward department. Educational director advised members to upgrade at the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, located in Piney Point, Maryland. Beef reported in engine department regarding overtime work. Members asked for better communication between office and ship, better Wi-Fi and for improvements to dental and vision coverage. Next port: Corpus Christi, Texas.

**GEORGE III** (Sunrise Operations, LLC), June 22 – Chairman **Kissinfor Taylor**, Secretary **Todd Curry**, Educational Director **Thomas Flynn**, Steward Delegate **Jorrell Davis**. Chairman urged crew to update paperwork right away to avoid possible processing time delays. Secretary and educational director reiterated the importance of upgrading at the Piney Point school. New ping pong table and new sauna aboard. Crew requested new TVs in all crew quarters and for vacation to be increased to 25 for 30. Next port: Oakland, California.

**SLNC YORK** (Argent Marine Operations), July 6 – Chairman **Frank Hedge**, Secretary **Terrelyn Wallace**, Deck Delegate **Clifford Carroll**, Engine Delegate **Rocky Tano**, Steward Delegate **Alexander Greco**. Chairman praised crew for keeping a clean and organized ship, especially after leaving shipyard. He encouraged everyone to stay aware of expiration dates on documents. Steward depart-

ment was recognized by crew for a job well done. Secretary thanked everyone for pitching in and separating garbage. Educational director reminded everyone to upgrade at the Paul Hall Center. Deck delegate asked members to avoid making loud noises when in companion ways/berthing areas. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Members suggested making all contracts standard (fleetwide) and making it easier for C-cards to ship out from local halls. Crew asked for chiropractic coverage in medical benefits, improvements to dental benefits, one required physical per year and for 30 for 30 vacation. Members requested new washers and dryers and new refrigerators for galley and mess hall. New salad bar also needed. Next port: Okinawa, Japan.

**FLORIDA** (Intrepid Personnel & Provisioning), July 13 – Chairman **Jovan Williams**, Secretary **Toney Morris**, Educational Director **Elhassene Elkori**. Members discussed old business including union dues increase. Crew would like penalty pay for stores to be included in contract and for vacation pay to increase. Chairman asked for members’ continued patience while waiting for reliefs. He reminded everyone to be considerate of those sleeping when closing doors and to make sure rooms are clean before departure. Chairman thanked steward department for making sure crew eats well every day. Educational director encouraged members to renew documents as soon as possible. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew requested printer for lounge, hammocks and fans for rooms and memory foam mattresses. Members would like an increased food budget, matched 401k contributions and lower sea time requirements for pension eligibility.

**OHIO** (Fairwater Crew Management, LLC), July 13 – Chairman **Mohamed Mosed**, Secretary **Rene Guity**, Educational Director **Damien Bautista**. Chairman reiterated the importance of keeping up with dues and updating documents six months prior to expiration. Educational director advised crew to upgrade at the Piney Point school. No beefs or disputed OT reported. New satellite box connected to crew TV. Members requested increases in vacation time and retirement pay.

**USNS PATHFINDER** (Ocean Ships, Inc.), July 20 – Chairman **Tyler Peyton**, Secretary **Alphonzo Berry**, Deck Delegate **Edgar Parong**. Crew talked about lack of communication on board with internet and phone lines. Educational director urged members to take advantage of the upgrading opportunities offered at the Paul Hall Center. No beefs or disputed OT reported. New fans received. Next port: Cape Canaveral, Florida.

**GEORGE III** (Sunrise Operations, LLC), July 27 – Chairman **Gerardo Arroyo**, Secretary **Todd Curry**, Educational Director **Henry Cacal**, Deck Delegate **Yamira Colon Del Moral**, Engine Delegate **Denis Blake II**, Steward Delegate **Rogelio Nunez**. Chairman went over shipboard affairs and union bulletin. Secretary advised members to donate to SPAD (Seafarers Political Activities Donation) to help protect union jobs. Educational director recommended members upgrade at the Piney Point school. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew would like vacation to be changed to 30 for 30. Next port: Oakland, California.

**LIBERTY GLORY** (Liberty Maritime), August 3 – Chairman **Adolfo Figueroa**, Secretary **Angel Bernardez**, Deck Delegate **Juan Bermudez**, Engine Delegate

**Teodocio Guerrero Ruiz**. Chairman advised crew to keep track of document expiration dates. Completed tour of duty must be 150 days to receive extra bonus for no injury, per secretary’s report. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Crew discussed union contract and motioned to increase standard vacation days to 20 for 30. Members requested smart TVs for crew mess, TVs for rooms and a dart board.

**FLORIDA** (Intrepid Personnel & Provisioning), August 14 – Chairman **Jovan Williams**, Secretary **Toney Morris**, Educational Director **Elhassene Elkori**. Printer needed in crew lounge. Chairman reviewed upcoming crew changes. He reminded crew to keep endorsements current and to look at contracts first before taking jobs. Educational director encouraged members to upgrade at the Paul Hall Center. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Members were reminded to be considerate of sleeping shipmates while exercising in the gym. Crew requested fans, TVs for every room, new mattresses, pillows and sheets and for increases in food budget.

**LONE STAR STATE** (Intrepid Personnel & Provisioning), August 17 – Chairman **Lionel Rivas**, Secretary **Cayetano Toledo**, Educational Director **Jonathan Collier**, Deck Delegate **Larry Byrd**, Engine Delegate **Mario Levy**, Steward Delegate **Alexis Williams**. Chairman urged crew to stay hydrated and take breaks when needed. Secretary thanked crew for good housekeeping and reminded them to send dirty shower curtains to laundry. Educational director recommended members upgrade at the Piney Point school and to check credentials. No beefs or disputed OT reported. Steward department was thanked for a job well done. Next port: Lake Charles, Louisiana.

## Know Your Rights

**FINANCIAL REPORTS.** The Constitution of the SIU Atlantic, Gulf, Lakes and Inland Waters 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, each year examines 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:

George Tricker, Chairman  
Seafarers Appeals Board  
5201 Capital Gateway Drive  
Camp Spr ings, 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, he or she 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 or she 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 or her 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.

**EQUAL RIGHTS.** All members are guaranteed equal rights in employment and as members of the SIU. These rights are clearly set forth in the SIU Constitution and in the contracts which the union has negotiated with the employers. Consequently, no member may be discriminated against because of race, creed, color, sex, national or geographic origin.

If any member feels that he or she is denied the equal rights to which he or she is entitled, the member should notify union headquarters.

**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 International 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 or her economic, political and social interests, and American trade union concepts.

**NOTIFYING THE UNION —** If at any time a member feels that any of the above rights have been violated, or that he or she has been denied the constitutional right of access to union records or information, the member should immediately notify SIU President David Heindel at headquarters by certified mail, return receipt requested. The address is:

David Heindel, President  
Seafarers International Union  
5201 Capital Gateway Drive  
Camp Springs, MD 20746

# Final Departures

In solemn remembrance, we honor the legacies of these union members who have crossed the final bar. May they rest in peace.

## DEEP SEA

### SOLOMON BENJAMIN

Pensioner Solomon Benjamin, 83, died February 26. He began his career with the Seafarers in 1970, initially sailing aboard the *Seatrain Louisiana*. Brother Benjamin worked in all three departments. He last sailed on the *Austral Lightning* before going on pension in 2006. Brother Benjamin was a resident of Harvey, Louisiana.



### RIGOBERTO BOGGEANO

Brother Rigoberto Boggeano, 46, passed away March 30. Signing on with the SIU in 2003, he first shipped on the *Overseas New Orleans*. Brother Boggeano worked in the deck department. He last sailed aboard the *Green Ridge* and made his home in Hialeah, Florida.



### DONALD DABBS

Brother Donald Dabbs, 62, died July 7. He embarked on his career with the Seafarers in 2009, initially sailing aboard the *USNS Victorious*. Brother Dabbs sailed in the steward department, most recently aboard the *USNS Impeccable*. He lived in the Philippines.



### MICHAEL ELLERBE

Brother Michael Ellerbe, 64, passed away June 27. He joined the Seafarers International Union in 2002 and first sailed aboard the *Atlantic Guardian*. Brother Ellerbe worked in the deck department and last sailed on the *Freedom*. He resided in Petersburg, Virginia.



### LAMONT LOVICK

Pensioner Lamont Lovick, 69, died July 13. He donned the SIU colors in 1981. A deck department member, Brother Lovick first shipped on the *Inger*. He concluded his career aboard the *Virginian* and became a pensioner in 2007. Brother Lovick made his home in Newport News, Virginia.

### ROY MATTESON

Brother Roy Matteson, 66, passed away March 21. He became a member of the SIU in 1986. Brother Matteson initially sailed with *Orgulf Transport*. He worked in the engine department and last shipped aboard the *USNS Assertive*. Brother Matteson resided in St. Ann, Missouri.

### MOHAMED MOFLEHI

Pensioner Mohamed Moflehi, 83, died May 9. He donned the SIU colors in 1980, initially sailing aboard the *Santa Lucia*. He was a steward department member and concluded his career aboard the *President Truman*. Brother Moflehi went on pension in 2007 and made his home in Monroe, Louisiana.



### WILFREDO RAMIREZ

Pensioner Wilfredo Ramirez, 91, passed away March 12. He signed on with the union in 1970, initially working with Interocean American Shipping. Brother Ramirez worked in both the deck and engine departments. He last sailed aboard the *William Baugh* in 1998 before retiring the following year. Brother Ramirez resided in the Bronx, New York.



### BRYAN SMITH

Brother Bryan Smith, 67, died May 1. Sailing first aboard the *Independence*, he donned the SIU colors in 1989. Brother Smith worked in the steward department and last shipped on the *USNS Denebola*. He resided in Twin Falls, Idaho.



### JOHN SOKOLIK

Pensioner John Sokolik, 82, died June 16. He became a member of the union in 1986 when he sailed aboard the *USNS Silas Bent*. Brother Sokolik worked in the deck department. He last sailed aboard the *Lightning* before going on pension in 2008. Brother Sokolik lived in Boise, Idaho.



## GREAT LAKES

### VERNON GIMPEL

Pensioner Vernon Gimpel, 92, passed away July 8. He joined the SIU in 1961, initially sailing with Zenith Dredge. Brother Gimpel worked in the deck department. He was last employed by Great Lakes Towing and retired in 1997. Brother Gimpel made his home in Duluth, Minnesota.



### HAROLD RODRIGUEZ

Pensioner Harold Rodriguez, 74, died July 15. He signed on with the union in 2001. Brother Rodriguez was employed with Great Lakes Towing for almost his entire career. He went on pension in 2013 and called Tampa, Florida, home.

### TIMOTHY ZIEMKE

Pensioner Timothy Ziemke, 74, passed away July 1. He joined the Seafarers in 1972 and first worked aboard the *J.R. Emery*. Brother Ziemke sailed in the engine department and was employed by Erie Navigation for the duration of his career. He became a pensioner in 2020 and settled in Sandusky, Ohio.

## INLAND

### KENNETH AMEY

Pensioner Kenneth Amey, 79, died July 15. He signed on with the SIU in 1968, initially sailing with Meyle Towing Company. Brother Amey shipped in the deck department. He was last employed with Moran Towing of Philadelphia and became a pensioner in 2007. Brother Amey lived in West Deptford, New Jersey.



### JAMES BYRD

Pensioner James Byrd, 73, passed away July 13. He embarked on his career with the union in 1990. A deck department member, Brother Byrd was employed by Orgulf Transport for the duration of his career. He began collecting his pension in 2014 and called Mayfield, Kentucky, home.



### MICHAEL DEMETRO

Pensioner Michael Demetro, 81, died June 13. He joined the SIU in 1977 when he sailed with G&H Towing. Brother Demetro shipped in both the deck and engine departments. He was last employed with Moran Towing of Texas before retiring in 2001. Brother Demetro made his home in Spring, Texas.



### WALTON MCHORNEY

Pensioner Walton McHorney, 86, passed away July 31. He joined the union in 1967, initially sailing with Allied Transportation. Brother McHorney primarily sailed in the steward department. He last shipped with Express Marine and went on pension in 2001. Brother McHorney resided in Raleigh, North Carolina.



### RICHARD SIMON

Pensioner Richard Simon, 84, died April 28. He embarked on his career with the Seafarers in 1977. Brother Simon was a deck department member. He worked with Moran Towing of Virginia for the majority of his career. Brother Simon began collecting his pension in 2005 and settled in Urbanna, Virginia.

## NMU

### PETER BROCK

Pensioner Peter Brock, 94, passed away December 11. Brother Brock was a steward department member. He last sailed aboard the *Jean Lykes* before going on pension in 1995. Brother Brock was a resident of Mobile, Alabama.

### L.B. FINLY

Pensioner L.B. Finly, 101, died December 11. He began sailing in 1950, initially aboard the *Joshua Thomas*. Brother Finly worked in the engine department. He last shipped on the *Texaco Florida* and became a pensioner in 1987. Brother Finly was a New Orleans resident.

### JOAO LIMA

Pensioner Joao Lima, 92, passed away December 20. Brother Lima worked as a steward department member. He last shipped on the *Potomac* before becoming a pensioner in 1998. Brother Lima lived in Seekonk, Massachusetts.



# Paul Hall Center Upgrading Course Dates

Printed below are dates for courses scheduled to take place at the SIU-affiliated Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, located in Piney Point, Maryland. The QR code connects to a web page with the latest course dates (they may differ from what's printed here, though in most cases the only changes are additions that haven't yet made it into the *LOG*). Seafarers are welcome to contact the admissions office with questions about upgrading courses: (301) 899-0657, [admissions@seafarers.org](mailto:admissions@seafarers.org)



Title of Course	Start Date	Date of Completion
DECK DEPARTMENT UPGRADING COURSES		
RFPNW	Oct. 13	Oct. 31
Able Seafarer - Deck	Oct. 13 Nov. 3 Dec. 1	Oct. 31 Nov. 21 Dec. 19
ENGINE DEPARTMENT UPGRADING COURSES		
FOWT	Nov. 17	Dec. 12
RFPEW	Oct. 13 Nov. 10	Nov. 7 Dec. 5
ARCM	Dec. 1	Dec. 12
STEWARD DEPARTMENT UPGRADING COURSES		
Certified Chief Cook	Nov. 24	Jan. 30, 2026
Galley Operations	Oct. 13 Nov. 10 Dec. 1	Nov. 7 Dec. 5 Dec. 26
ServSafe Management	Nov. 17	Nov. 21
Advanced Galley Operations	Nov. 10	Dec. 5
Chief Steward	Oct. 13 Dec. 8	Nov. 7 Jan. 2, 2026
OPEN/SAFETY UPGRADING COURSES		
Basic Training Revalidation	Oct. 20 Nov. 3 Nov. 7 Dec. 8 Dec. 12	Oct. 20 Nov. 3 Nov. 7 Dec. 8 Dec. 12
Government Vessels	Oct. 20 Nov. 17 Dec. 8	Oct. 24 Nov. 21 Dec. 12
Tank Ship Fam. - DL	Oct. 20	Oct. 24
Tank Ship Fam./LG	Oct. 27	Oct. 31



## UPGRADING APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Deep Sea Member    ☐ Lakes Member    ☐ Inland Waters Member

If the following information is not filled out completely, your application will not be processed.

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Book # \_\_\_\_\_  
Seniority \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Port \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Endorsement(s) or License(s) now held \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a graduate of the SHLSS/PHC trainee program?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No  
If yes, class # and dates attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you attended any SHLSS/PHC upgrading courses?    ☐ Yes    ☐ No

With this application, COPIES of the following must be sent: One hundred and twenty-five (125) days seetime for the previous year, MMC, TWIC, front page of your book including your department and seniority and qualifying sea time for the course if it is Coast Guard tested. Must have a valid SHBP clinic through course date.

I authorize the Paul Hall Center to release any of the information contained in this application, or any of the supporting documentation that I have or will submit with this application to related organizations, for the purpose of better servicing my needs and helping me to apply for any benefits which might become due to me.

COURSE	START DATE	DATE OF COMPLETION
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Date On: _____	Date Off: _____	
Signature: _____	Date: _____	

**NOTE: 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. Not all classes are reimbursable. Return completed application to: Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education Admissions Office, Email: [upgrading@seafarers.org](mailto:upgrading@seafarers.org) Mail: 45353 St. George's Ave., Piney Point, MD 20674 Fax: 301-994-2189.**

The Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship at the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education is a private, non-profit, equal opportunity institution and admits students, who are otherwise qualified, or any race, nationality or sex. The school complies with applicable laws with regard to admission, access or treatment of students in its programs or activities.

# Paul Hall Center Class Photos



**APPRENTICE WATER SURVIVAL CLASS #923** – Recently graduated: Owen Carpenter, David Clark, Corey Covington Jr., Sirvod Davis, Linzi Dyer, David Escobar, Stevenjohn Eustaquio, Bradley Franti, Cole Hofstrand, Mathew Holloman, Jerionna Joyner, Amahd Manigault, Bryan Marty Barrera, Kevin Marty Barrera, Angel Ojeda-Galindo, Sava Rodriguez, James Slue, Jonas Smith, Moncho Soriano Martinez, Cody Tenney, Laurel Treguboff and Mariah Worsley.



**GOVERNMENT VESSELS** – Graduated July 11 (not all are pictured): Michael Akers, John Baltazar, Jonathan Caballero Jr., Isaiah Chase, Seth Daniel, Traynard Davis, Dickson Ellington Jr., Mike Estrada, Teneka Farris, Samuel Hawley, Garrett Jackson, Bryant Jenkins, Joshua Jones, Jeanette Kaldawi, Tyler Kissick, Keywan Law, Jacqueline Patterson, James Petrick, Richard Price, Charles Ramos, Richard Richmond Jr., Harrison Wistock and Damita Wooten.



**TANK SHIP FAMILIARIZATION (DL)** – Graduated recently (not all are pictured): Samuel Abrams, Jordan Alejo, Hyjalun Burch, Diamond Chism Sr., Erik Dankwardt, Victor Dixon, Scott Furtney, Corneshia Harris, Lincoln Jensen, John Karafanda, Luke Langston, Johnasha Manning, Kevin Martinez, Michael McLaughlin, Joelle Quenga, Gianfranco Rodriguez Torres, Jesse Sanchez, Wynton Smith, Michaela Townsend and Tiana White.



**RFPNW** – Graduated August 1: Latoria Fairley, Mathew Holloman, Clarence Johnson III and Ross Williams.



**GALLEY OPS** – Graduated August 8: Francisco Amada, Tara Lee, Robert Seals III, Brittani White and Antonio Zorrilla.



**VESSELS OPS** – Graduated recently: Owen Carpenter, David Clark, Corey Covington Jr., Sirvod Davis, David Escobar, Stevenjohn Eustaquio, Bradley Franti, Cole Hofstrand, Mathew Holloman, Jerionna Joyner, Amahd Manigault, Bryan Marty Barrera, Kevin Marty Barrera, Angel Ojeda-Galindo, James Slue, Jonas Smith, Moncho Soriano Martinez and Cody Tenney.



**ADV. GALLEY OPS** – Pictured above: Bernardo Celi, Walter Lewis Jr., Pedro Maysonet Gonzalez, Travis Rogers and La'Quay Shack.

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**APPRENTICE WATER SURVIVAL CLASS #924** – Recently graduated (not all are pictured): Michael Akers, John Baltazar, Jonathan Caballero Jr., Isaiah Chase, Seth Daniel, Traynard Davis, Dickson Ellington Jr., Mike Estrada, Teneka Farris, Samuel Hawley, Garrett Jackson, Bryant Jenkins, Joshua Jones, Jeanette Kaldawi, Tyler Kissick, Keywan Law, Jacqueline Patterson, James Petrick, Richard Price, Charles Ramos, Richard Richmond Jr., Harrison Wistock and Damita Wooten.



**GOVERNMENT VESSELS** – Graduated August 15: Jamari Allen, Frederick Clark II, Christopher Eason, Elvis Eay, Joel Eay, Latoria Fairley, Darian Fedd, Frederick Gathers, Michael Gordon Jr., William Humphrey, Joseph Ilao, Weillard Ilao, Clarence Johnson III, Randy Jones, Jamila King, Antoine Rainey, Terrance Sasnett, Corrie Stockton, Costadeano Tsantilas and Velicia Williams.



**TERRESTRIAL & COASTAL NAVIGATION** – Pictured above: Sean Jones, Arron Millar, Daniel Moran, Dwuan Reed, Venise Spears, Arielle White and Mackenzie Wincelowicz.



**SERVE SAFE** – Graduated August 15: John Baltazar and Elijah Wailehua.



**WELDING** – Graduated August 1: Jovita Carino, Grant Lee, Sandy Quezada and Dennis Smith Jr. Instructor Chris Raley is at the far right.



**CERTIFIED CHIEF COOK** – Graduated August 15 (not all are pictured): Angel Berrios Jr., Lorraine Champagne, Gennaro DiMatteo, Mario Fletcher, Nathaniel Gasparini, Susan Kennedy, Levi Moore, Herbie Soliveres, Nathan Tissaw and Mohamed Zain.



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**JUNIOR ENGINEER (PLANT MAINTENANCE)** – Graduated August 29: Brianna Ashley, Keondre Bell, Abubakar Bockarie, Micko Cercado, Dominic Jones, Nesta Pafford, Timothy Resultan, Deroyce Roquemore, Seth Schrader, Ian Tarwater and Ronald Von Kaenel. Also pictured above is instructor Kevin Wilson.



**RFPNW** – Graduated recently: Michael Akers, Jonathan Caballero Jr., Isaiah Chase, Seth Daniel, Mike Estrada, Samuel Hawley, Garrett Jackson, Joshua Jones, Jeanette Kaldawi, Tyler Kissick, James Petrick, Richard Price, Charles Ramos, Richard Richmond Jr. and Harrison Wistock.



**GALLEY OPS** – Graduated August 29: Kajaun Gamble and Caprese Osorio.



**TANK SHIP FAMILIARIZATION (LG)** – Graduated recently (not all are pictured): Eddie Almodovar, Marcus Carrasquillo, Pauline Crespo Guillen, Michael Elmore Jr., Dorothea Fabrizius, Joel Gonzalez, Cedric Griffin, Cleave Hope, Ronda Jackson, Nash Lariosa, Grant Lee, Kia Major, Jessie Merced Jr., Chauncey Mitchell, Rudy Puerto Sr., Blair Royal, Anquette Smith, Brya Sparks, Aldo Thomas, Sheneisha Thompson, Jessica Valentin, Victor Velez Perez, Michele Woodley and Mukhtar Yahia.



**TANK SHIP FAMILIARIZATION (LG)** – Graduated August 22: Jocecil Lugo Rivera and Edgardo Martinez Espada.



**WATER SURVIVAL** – Graduated July 11: Mustafa Ahmed, Russell Cacho Sabio, Denzel Dennis, Verna Dotson, Jacob Garatti, Mark Griffin, Joshua King, Grant Lee, Jaden Radcliff, Ammr Rageh Ali, Fradarius Smith, Luis Smith, Travis Smith, Elvershon Williams Jr. and Mahari Winslow.



**BASIC SAFETY** – Graduated July 11: Samuel Abrams, Jordan Alejo, Hyjalun Burch, Diamond Chism, Erik Dankwardt, Victor Dixon, Rashad Fussell, Corneshia Harris, Lincoln Jensen, John Karafanda, Luke Langston, Johnasha Manning, Kevin Martinez, Michael McLaughlin, Dereyon Myrick, Joelle Quenga, Gianfranco Rodriguez Torres, Jesse Sanchez, Wynton Smith, Michaela Townsend and Tiana White.



**VESSEL FAMILIARIZATION** – Graduated August 8: Lorenzo Allen Jr., Abdul Bah, David Cipriano, Bianca Clark, Oscar Diviny, Rubert Johnson Jr., Corey Keys, Louis Levasseur, Vincent Levin Jr., Hilton McCants, Douglas McHale, Lawrence Neloms, Misael Orlando Pizarro, Richard Peek, Jezhra Santos, Kadeem Swenson, Arielle Taylor, Alexi Vasquez, Andres Vasquez and Jadelyn Watling.

# SEAFARERS LOG

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## Shenandoah Trader Completes Four-Month Mission in Red Sea

*Editor's note: This article was written by Chief Mate Thomas Knizewski, a member of the Seafarers-affiliated American Maritime Officers (AMO). SIU and AMO members sailed aboard the M/T Shenandoah Trader (U.S. Marine Management) during the consolidated cargo (CONSOL) operations described in the following paragraphs. Members of the SIU Government Services Division sail aboard the USNS Arctic, also mentioned in the article.*

The M/T Shenandoah Trader successfully completed a four-month tour earlier this year as the CONSOL tanker in support of the Truman Carrier Strike Group during Operations Rough Rider and Prosperity Guardian in the Red Sea.

Throughout this engagement, the vessel delivered more than 432,000 barrels of DFM and JP-5 to the USNS Arctic during CONSOL operations. These critical fuel deliveries enabled the strike group to remain fully mission-capable and continuously engaged in sustained operations against Houthi forces in Yemen.

Operating under the Tanker Security Program (TSP), the Shenandoah Trader bolsters the U.S. Navy's ability to project power globally through assured and reliable tanker support. Notably, the vessel was the first TSP tanker to achieve full CONSOL qualification as well as the first to conduct CONSOLs on an operational level.



Chief Mate Thomas Knizewski, Second Mate Keegan Flynn, Bosun Christian Haber



The crew of the Shenandoah Trader during Red Sea operations included (from left) SA Deinor Bernardez Batiz, AB Jerry Aquino, Pumpman Elhassene Elkori, AB Mohamed Mosed, Wiper Ethan Bertke, Bosun Christian Haber, Chief Mate Thomas Knizewski, QMED Michael Joel and Second Mate Keegan Flynn.



Mariners are pictured aboard the U.S. Marine Management-operated vessel during operations in the Red Sea, including AB John Scofield, Capt. Al Warmbier, AB Atm Reza, and Third Mate W. Fruehauf.



Crew members on the Shenandoah Trader (left) heave hoses across the span wire. (Photo by Capt. Al Warmbier)



The Seafarers-crewed Shenandoah Trader (left) refuels a U.S. military vessel at sea.