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## MFOW election ballots counted, membership to ratify results in March

On February 10, ballots were counted at Headquarters in the MFOW election of officials for the 2020-2022 term of office. The Coastwise Balloting Committee consisted of Chairman Tucker Latimer, #3638; Pasquale Gazillo, #3699 and Marcos Almazan, JM-4933. The election was conducted by federally-certified UniLect Election Services.

Incumbent President/Secretary-Treasurer Anthony Poplawski, Wilmington Port Agent Sonny Gage and Honolulu Port Agent Mario Higa were all unopposed and will continue in those positions. Challenger Deyne Umphress edged out incumbent Cajun Callais to win the Vice President seat, while incumbent San Francisco Business Agent Bobby Baca easily held off a bid by contender Ira Bing. Poplawski and Umphress will be members of the Board of Trustees by virtue of the President and Vice President offices, joined by Sonny Gage, Mario Higa and Cajun Callais. Sonny Gage defeated Cajun Callais in the run for SIUNA Delegate.

Election results are printed on page 5. The Balloting Committee report will be read at the March Headquarters and Branch meetings. The new term of office will begin on Thursday, March 12.



Balloting Committee members observing election services pre-test to ensure all equipment is working properly and counting accurately.



MFOW President Anthony Poplawski reviews the Constitutional requirements for the election of officers with Balloting Committee members Tucker Latimer, #3638; Pasquale Gazillo, #3699 and Marcos Almazan, JM-4933.

## China's coronavirus is disrupting global container shipping

China's rapidly expanding coronavirus is throwing global container ship traffic off balance as lines divert cargo and reduce calls to Chinese ports. According to the industry, this is the cornerstone for months of delivery delays. The spread of the deadly virus has shut down cities and factories in China and disrupted global air traffic. China is an important link to the container sector and transports everything from fresh food to telephones and designer clothing to industrial parts.

The world's best container lines Maersk, MSC and CMA CGM have reduced the number of calls to China known as empty runs. Exports of goods from China have already been made, with major effects. Hyundai Motor announced that it will cease production in South Korea, the largest manufacturing base, due to a lack of spare parts.

Disruptions in ocean freight traffic have already put shipping companies under pressure as they face weaker markets and higher costs due to the new regulations of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for low-sulfur fuel.

According to shipping and trading companies, regular timetables are also affected by truck and dock workers in

China who are stuck at home or away from work. In addition, warehouses near port areas in China do not fully function. This has resulted in ships being diverted from China to ports in South Korea.

The South Korean port of Busan, one of the largest container terminals in the world, has already overflowed with a container capacity of 78 percent and could rise from its usual level of 70 percent, said a Busan port official. If the container level rose to over 80 percent, it would be difficult to operate the port efficiently.

A Norwegian shipping company CEO said that 25 percent of the container fleet was affected because the trips were canceled. A U.S.-based shipping industry advisor, whose company operates in China, said the empty runs were higher than usual in February.

Alphaliner, a shipping consultancy, announced that extended holidays and emergency measures to combat the virus should reduce freight volumes in Chinese ports, including Hong Kong, by over six million TEU in the first quarter of 2020, and predicted a decline in global container handling. Container handling in China rose last year by over four percent to 261 million TEU.

## Coast Guard says using hemp products can lead to revocation of MMC

Hemp-derived pain relief products are growing in popularity across the U.S., with many users turning to cannabidiol (CBD) for everyday relief or as a substitute for addictive opioid painkillers. However, the U.S. Coast Guard has issued a warning to mariners that CBD products come with a risk. Some products marketed as hemp or CBD may contain enough tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) to cause the user to fail a drug test, with an outcome identical to the results for the use of marijuana. Over-the-counter hemp and CBD products are not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the purity of their active ingredient varies.

Under federal law, an individual who fails a lab test for "dangerous drugs" - including THC - must be removed from duties affecting the safe operation of the vessel. In addition, he or she will be subject to merchant mariner credential suspension and revocation proceedings. For purposes of administering this regulation, the Coast Guard does not accept the use of CBD products as a defense for a THC-positive drug test result.

Mariners wishing to avoid a posi-

tive THC drug test result should exercise extreme caution with hemp or CBD products, the Coast Guard warned, because it could result in the loss of their credential. This applies equally to products taken by mouth (tinctures or edible products) and products applied to the skin (muscle rubs and lotions).

The cultivation of hemp and the interstate sale of hemp products have been legal under federal law since 2018, and CBD extracts are legal in all 50 states (with restrictions in some localities). According to the World Health Organization, "CBD exhibits no effects indicative of any abuse or dependence potential...and to date, there is no evidence of public health related problems associated with the use of pure CBD."

Marijuana (THC) products are legal under state law in about dozen states, and they are legal for medical purposes in 22 more; however, they are still illegal at the federal level. The Coast Guard says that it still prohibits THC use by mariners because of its "known debilitating effects," and all Coast Guard-required drug tests screen mariners for use of THC.

## Port of Oakland executive director wants "industrial sanctuary"

Calling it "everyone's port," the Port of Oakland's new leader wants an industrial sanctuary to sustain economic vitality. Executive Director Danny Wan delivered his State of the Port address last month saying there is plenty to feel good about. But he asked a sold-out audience of 350 to help him buffer the Port as Oakland develops.

"Our leaders recognize the Port of Oakland is an indispensable jobs and economic engine," said the Executive Director in his first major address since taking over last November. "Indeed, we are everyone's port, but being indispensable means, we have to preserve the port."

Wan asked the audience of business and community leaders to declare a need for an industrial sanctuary policy. The objective would be to preserve industrial land use, transportation and infrastructure in and around the port and accommodate the transportation, commerce, business and job needs of the region.

The former port attorney spoke at a time of unprecedented growth in Oakland. The pace of downtown development is at an all-time high. Meanwhile, the port's aviation and maritime businesses are at, or near record levels of business volume. Wan said there is pressure as residential and commercial construction draws ever nearer to the port.

Wan said nearly 13.5 million passengers flew in and out of the port's Oakland International Airport last year. Its seaport handled the equivalent of 2.5 million 20-foot cargo containers. More than 84,000 depended on the port for their livelihoods.

He said the port and its governing board would develop a master plan over the next year. He said it would address the port's two primary assets: platform and ecosystem. As for the ecosystem, he said it includes the neighbors, streets and infrastructure surrounding the port. An industrial sanctuary would be the key to preserving its ecosystem.



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## Alameda Labor Council AFL-CIO Endorsements California Presidential Primary Election - March 3, 2020

### U.S. Congress

Barbara Lee CD 13  
Eric Swalwell CD 15  
Ro Khanna CD 17

### State Senate

Marisol Rubio SD 7  
Nancy Skinner SD 9



### State Assembly

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Bill Quirk AD 20  
Anna Song AD 25  
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### Alameda County Board of Supervisors

Nate Miley District 4  
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### Alameda County Board of Education

Angela Normand District 2  
Lisa G Brunner District 5  
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### Alameda County Ballot Measures

Measure C - Children's Health and Child Care Initiative VOTE YES  
Measure D - Fire Safety Bond VOTE YES

### Alameda Unified School District

Measure A - Strong Schools for Alameda 2020 VOTE YES

### Albany Unified School District

Measure B - Albany Unified School District (Parcel Tax Renewal) VOTE YES

### Berkeley Unified School District

Measure E - High-Quality Public Education VOTE YES  
Measure G - High-Quality School Facilities VOTE YES  
Measure H - Essential Maintenance for School Facilities VOTE YES

### City of Emeryville

Measure F - Maintain Healthy Communities and Improve the Quality of Life VOTE YES

### City of Oakland

Measure Q - Oakland Park Maintenance VOTE YES

### Fremont Unified School District

Measure L - Fremont Unified School District (Parcel Tax) VOTE YES

### San Leandro Unified School District

Measure N - San Leandro Unified School District (Bond) VOTE YES

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### Democratic Central Committee

Wendy Bloom (Berkeley) AD15  
Bobbi Lopez (Oakland) AD15  
Jim Oddie (Alameda) AD18  
Malia Vella (Alameda) AD18  
Corina Lopez (San Leandro) AD18  
Linda Perry (San Leandro) AD18  
Robin Torello (San Leandro) AD18  
Diana Prola (San Leandro) AD18  
Pam Drake (Oakland) AD18  
Tonya Love (Oakland) AD18  
Brendalynn Goodall (Oakland) AD18  
Brandon Baranco (Oakland) AD18  
Ken Maxey (Oakland) AD18  
Howard Eggerman (Oakland) AD18  
Iris Merriouns (Oakland) AD18  
Mark Williams (Castro Valley) AD20  
Terry Sandoval (Hayward) AD20

## NOAA to get new ships for research fleet

Two new ocean research ships are bound for Hawaii thanks to the efforts of Hawaii legislators on Capitol Hill, and the first is set to be homeported in Honolulu. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced its plans to acquire the two new ships this month.

The first vessel, named *Oceanographer* after one of NOAA's original research vessels, is targeted for completion in 2023. The second ship, *Discoverer*, will be assigned a home port at a later date. NOAA currently has a fleet of 15 active research and survey ships, which are operated by NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations and crewed by NOAA's Commissioned Officer Corps and civilian professional mariners. Each year, NOAA conducts more than 100 missions to collect data for nautical charts, fishery quotas, and exploration of the 4.3 million square-mile Exclusive Economic Zone, storm surge modeling and climate research.

U.S. Senator Brian Schatz (D - Hawaii), a member of the Senate Appropri-

ations Committee, helped secure federal funding to update the NOAA fleet. Congressional appropriators in December approved \$3.3 million in funding to cover operations after the unexpected decommissioning of NOAA ship *Hi'ialakai* — the 35-year-old vessel that mostly worked in Papahānaumokuākea and other parts of the western Pacific. *Hi'ialakai* was retired early due to extensive erosion and in addition to being on the team that secured the funding, Schatz has called on NOAA leaders to complete a full assessment of its fleet to determine if any other NOAA ship has hidden damage to its hull.

Design of the vessels is currently underway, and NOAA expects to award contracts for the construction of the ships by the end of the year. Both will be built in the United States, and construction timelines and target launch dates for the vessels will be determined after the shipbuilding contracts have been awarded. The second ship will be assigned a homeport at a future date.



## Membership Pledge

I pledge my word of honor that I will be faithful to the Marine Firemen's Union; that I will work for its best interests and look upon every member as my brother.

That I will not work for less than Union wages, nor upon any vessel with non-union unlicensed engine room personnel, unless I get permission from the Union.

I also pledge that I will never reveal the proceedings of the Union to its injury or to people who have no right to know the same; and if I break my pledge, I forfeit all rights and privileges of the Union.

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## California Labor Federation AFL-CIO California Presidential Primary Election – March 3, 2020

### United States Representatives in Congress

- Congressional District 1 - Audrey Denney (D)
- Congressional District 2 - Jared Huffman (D)
- Congressional District 3 - John Garamendi (D)
- Congressional District 4 - Refer to Executive Council
- Congressional District 5 - Mike Thompson (D)
- Congressional District 6 - Doris Matsui (D)
- Congressional District 7 - No Endorsement
- Congressional District 8 - Chris Bubser (D)
- Congressional District 9 - Jerry McNerney (D)
- Congressional District 10 - Josh Harder (D)
- Congressional District 11 - Mark DeSaulnier (D)
- Congressional District 12 - Nancy Pelosi (D)
- Congressional District 13 - Barbara Lee (D)
- Congressional District 14 - Jackie Speier (D)
- Congressional District 15 - Eric Swalwell (D)
- Congressional District 16 - Esmeralda Soria (D)
- Congressional District 17 - Ro Khanna (D)
- Congressional District 18 - Anna Eshoo (D)
- Congressional District 19 - Zoe Lofgren (D)
- Congressional District 20 - Jimmy Panetta (D)
- Congressional District 21 - T.J. Cox (D)
- Congressional District 22 - Phil Arballo (D)
- Congressional District 23 - Kim Mangone (D)
- Congressional District 24 - Salud Carbajal (D)
- Congressional District 25 - Refer to Executive Council
- Congressional District 26 - Julia Brownley (D)
- Congressional District 27 - Judy Chu (D)
- Congressional District 28 - Adam Schiff (D)
- Congressional District 29 - Tony Cardenas (D)
- Congressional District 30 - Brad Sherman (D)
- Congressional District 31 - Pete Aguilar (D)
- Congressional District 32 - Grace Napolitano (D)
- Congressional District 33 - Ted Lieu (D)
- Congressional District 34 - Jimmy Gomez (D)
- Congressional District 35 - No Endorsement
- Congressional District 36 - Raul Ruiz (D)
- Congressional District 37 - Karen Bass (D)
- Congressional District 38 - Linda Sanchez (D)
- Congressional District 39 - Gil Cisneros (D)
- Congressional District 40 - Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)
- Congressional District 41 - Mark Takano (D)
- Congressional District 42 - Regina Marston (D)
- Congressional District 43 - Maxine Waters (D)
- Congressional District 44 - Nanette Barragan (D)
- Congressional District 45 - Katie Porter (D)
- Congressional District 46 - Lou Correa (D)
- Congressional District 47 - Alan Lowenthal (D)
- Congressional District 48 - Harley Rouda (D)
- Congressional District 49 - Mike Levin (D)
- Congressional District 50 - Ammar Campa-Najjar (D)
- Congressional District 51 - Juan Vargas (D)
- Congressional District 52 - No Endorsement
- Congressional District 53 - Georgette Gomez (D)

### California State Assembly

- Assembly District 1 - Elizabeth Betancourt (D)
- Assembly District 2 - Jim Wood (D)
- Assembly District 3 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 4 - Cecelia Aguiar-Curry (D)
- Assembly District 5 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 6 - Jackie Smith (D)
- Assembly District 7 - Kevin McCarty (D)
- Assembly District 8 - Ken Cooley (D)
- Assembly District 9 - Jim Cooper (D)
- Assembly District 10 - Mark Levine (D)
- Assembly District 11 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 12 - Heath Flora (R)
- Assembly District 13 - Christina Fugazi (D)
- Assembly District 14 - Tim Grayson (D)
- Assembly District 15 - Buffy Wicks (D)
- Assembly District 16 - Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D)
- Assembly District 17 - David Chiu (D)
- Assembly District 18 - Rob Bonta (D)
- Assembly District 19 - Phil Ting (D)
- Assembly District 20 - Bill Quirk (D)
- Assembly District 21 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 22 - Kevin Mullin (D)
- Assembly District 23 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 24 - Marc Berman (D)
- Assembly District 25 - DUAL: Anna Song (D)  
Anne Kepner (D)
- Assembly District 26 - Drew Phelps (D)
- Assembly District 27 - Ash Kalra (D)
- Assembly District 28 - Evan Low (D)
- Assembly District 29 - Mark Stone (D)
- Assembly District 30 - Robert Rivas (D)



- Assembly District 31 - Joaquin Arambula (D)
- Assembly District 32 - Rudy Salas (D)
- Assembly District 33 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 34 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 35 - Dawn Addis (D)
- Assembly District 36 - Jonathon Ervin (D)
- Assembly District 37 - Cathy Murillo (D)
- Assembly District 38 - Refer to Executive Council
- Assembly District 39 - Luz Rivas (D)
- Assembly District 40 - James Ramos (D)
- Assembly District 41 - Chris Holden (D)
- Assembly District 42 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 43 - Laura Friedman (D)
- Assembly District 44 - Jacqui Irwin (D)
- Assembly District 45 - Jesse Gabriel (D)
- Assembly District 46 - Adrin Nazarian (D)
- Assembly District 47 - Eloise Gomez Reyes (D)
- Assembly District 48 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 49 - Ed Chau (D)
- Assembly District 50 - Richard Bloom (D)
- Assembly District 51 - Wendy Carrillo (D)
- Assembly District 52 - Freddie Rodriguez (D)
- Assembly District 53 - Miguel Santiago (D)
- Assembly District 54 - Sydney Kamlager (D)
- Assembly District 55 - Andrew Rodriguez (D)
- Assembly District 56 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 57 - Refer to Executive Council
- Assembly District 58 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 59 - Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D)
- Assembly District 60 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 61 - Jose Medina (D)
- Assembly District 62 - Autumn Burke (D)
- Assembly District 63 - Anthony Rendon (D)
- Assembly District 64 - Mike Gipson (D)
- Assembly District 65 - Sharon Quirk-Silva (D)
- Assembly District 66 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 67 - Jerry Carlos (D)
- Assembly District 68 - Melissa Fox (D)
- Assembly District 69 - Tom Daly (D)
- Assembly District 70 - Patrick O'Donnell (D)
- Assembly District 71 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 72 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 73 - Scott Rhinehart (D)
- Assembly District 74 - Cottie Petrie-Norris (D)
- Assembly District 75 - No Endorsement
- Assembly District 76 - Tasha Boerner-Horvath (D)
- Assembly District 77 - Brian Maienschein (D)
- Assembly District 78 - Chris Ward (D)
- Assembly District 79 - No Recommendation
- Assembly District 80 - Lorena Gonzalez (D)

### California State Senate

- Senate District 1 - No Endorsement
- Senate District 3 - Bill Dodd (D)
- Senate District 5 - Susan Eggman (D)
- Senate District 7 - Marisol Rubio (D)
- Senate District 9 - Nancy Skinner (D)
- Senate District 11 - Scott Weiner (D)
- Senate District 13 - DUAL: Josh Becker (D)  
Shelly Masur (D)
- Senate District 15 - David Cortese (D)
- Senate District 17 - John Laird (D)
- Senate District 19 - Monique Limon (D)
- Senate District 21 - Kipp Mueller (D)
- Senate District 23 - DUAL: Kris Goodfellow (D)  
Abigail Medina (D)
- Senate District 25 - Anthony Portantino (D)
- Senate District 27 - Henry Stern (D)
- Senate District 29 - Josh Newman (D)
- Senate District 31 - Richard Roth (D)
- Senate District 33 - Lena Gonzalez (D)
- Senate District 35 - Steven Bradford (D)
- Senate District 37 - Katrina Foley (D)
- Senate District 39 - Toni Atkins (D)

**Prop 13 Ballot Measure - YES**

## LA/Long Beach ports to consider clean truck rate

The Harbor Commissions from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach will both consider a resolution to approve a proposed Clean Truck Rate at February board meetings. The Clean Truck Rate is expected to accelerate the introduction of cleaner drayage trucks into the port complex. The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners will take up the Clean Truck Rate at its meeting on February 20. The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners will consider the Clean Truck Rate at its meeting on February 24.

The ports held an initial workshop on the clean truck rate last summer. A second workshop was held in December after the release of the Draft Economic Study. Additional discussion and comment on the rate occurred at the ports' regular quarterly Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) stakeholder meeting held last month. Public comments were accepted through January 31.

The CAAP has established a goal of zero-emissions for drayage trucks serving the ports by 2035. A key component of the overall strategy to transition to a zero-emissions truck fleet is the establishment of a Clean Truck Rate structure. After approval of a clean truck rate resolution by the boards of both ports, the following actions must occur before the ports will begin collecting the rate. First, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) must set its ultra-low NOx engine emission standard. CARB anticipates that it will take action on its ultra-low NOx standard in spring 2020. Next, the ports must establish a mechanism to collect the rate at the gates. The ports anticipate that this will occur also in spring 2020. Once those actions occur, the ports will present a tariff amendment to their respective boards implementing the rate. The ports expect to begin collecting the rate in the latter half of 2020.

Updated in 2017, the CAAP contains a comprehensive strategy to accelerate progress toward a zero-emissions future while protecting and strengthening the ports' competitive position in the global economy. Since 2005, port-related air pollution emissions in San Pedro Bay have dropped 87 percent for diesel particulate matter, 58 percent for NOx and 97 percent for sulfur oxides. Targets for reducing greenhouse gases (GHG) from port-related sources were introduced as part of the 2017 CAAP Update. The document calls for the ports to reduce GHG to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. The CAAP was originally approved in 2006.

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# MFOW PRESIDENT'S REPORT



By Anthony Poplawski

## LMSR CONTRACT

On January 8, Patriot Contract Services (PCS) provided a brief update on the status of the existing *Watson*-class LMSR contract and the bid for another five-year contract. Military Sealift Command (MSC) told bidders in November 2019 that they would hold discussions with eligible bidders in January 2020. PCS had been asked by MSC to provide a proposal for a six-month bridge contract (March 31, 2020 through September 30, 2020) with a six-month option (October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021). The request by MSC gave some indication of their expected time line for award of the next contract.

PCS did not expect a contract award to be made before late summer 2020. Other considerations are the 30 days between award and when the new contract takes effect, the MSC plan for a turnover schedule of one vessel per month, or any possible protests.

On January 31, PCS notified the Union that MSC anticipates holding discussions with the *Watson*-class bidders in the middle of February. The deadline to submit best-and-final offers may be a few weeks afterward. Will keep the membership informed.

## RRF CONTRACTS

As previously reported, the 2015 Memorandum of Understandings between the SIU Pacific District and PCS, and the SIU Pacific District and Matson Navigation Company, covering the operation and maintenance of a total of 10 Ready Reserve Force (RRF) vessels, required the parties to meet and negotiate pricing for option period one (years five and six) of the agreement. The vessels are the *Admiral Callaghan*, *Cape Orlando*, *Cape Taylor*, *Cape Texas*, *Cape Trinity*, *Cape Victory* and *Cape Vincent* (PCS) and *Cape Henry*, *Cape Horn* and *Cape Hudson* (Matson).

In August 2019, the unlicensed unions agreed to submit a three percent total labor cost increase for each of the option years. In October 2019, the unions were notified that the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) was protesting total labor cost increases in the three percent range as not "fair and reasonable." After discussion, maritime labor (AMO, ARA, MEBA, MFOW, MM&P, SIU and SUP) objected to the MARAD position and its interpretation of the Service Contract Act of 1964 and its codification in the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

After several discussions with the contracted companies, on January 14, the MFOW and SUP submitted pricing of 2.5 percent total labor cost for each of the option years, effective January 27, 2020 and January 27, 2021. However, the situation is unresolved with the ball in MARAD's court. Will keep the membership informed.

## CORONAVIRUS

In December 2019, a new disease appeared in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. The disease is a coronavirus called 2019 nCoV. Since December, thousands of cases have been reported in China, and a few cases have been reported in several other countries. The source of the disease has been identified as coming from a food market in Wuhan.

Usually, symptoms may look like a common flu: high fever, strong headache, dry cough and muscle pain. In most cases, the disease evolves as a common flu, but can sometimes be more problematic, especially with elderly people or people having a pre-existing disease.

Coronaviruses were discovered in the 1960s. The earliest forms were an infectious bronchitis virus in chickens and two viruses from the nasal cavities of humans with the common cold. At least twice in the past, coronaviruses have emerged to infect people and cause severe disease. These were known as severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS). The recent cases in the Wuhan pneumonia outbreak have tested negative for both SARS and MERS.

On January 23, 2020, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a Warning Level 3 Alert (avoid nonessential) on China travel due to the outbreak of respiratory illness caused by the coronavirus. Also on January 23, 2020, the U.S. Department of State ordered the departure of all non-emergency U.S. personnel and their family members from Hubei Province. In an effort to contain the virus, China suspended air and rail travel in the area around Wuhan.

Because APL Eagle Express vessels call the ports of Qingdao and Shanghai, on January 24, APL Labor Relations Manager Sean Doherty notified the unions that the Eagle Express vessels had been provided with coronavirus health and safety guidance, and that the company was closely monitoring the situation and would continue to provide updates.

On January 26, it was reported that Costa Cruises, Royal Caribbean Cruises, MSC Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, Dream Cruises and Star Cruises began implementing policies which include temperature checks for boarding passengers and banning people who have a fever. Some ports also began implementing temperature checks at cruise terminals in Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai. People from Hubei province were banned from entering Hong Kong.

The virus was reported to have spread from Wuhan to the ports of Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Tianjin. In a January 27 circular, the London P&I Club advised ship owners and operators that vessels calling at Chinese ports should consider taking precautions in regard to the spread of the coronavirus.

On January 27, to ensure health and safety to all, APL prepared a reminder to affected vessels on sanitary best practices to be followed by all crew members. In addition to the instructions and best practices, the company applied the following preven-

ventive measures in Chinese ports:

- The presence of external personnel inside accommodation spaces shall be limited to minimum.
- All external personnel (pilots, stevedores, etc.) shall be fitted with disposable mask.
- Crew shall not go ashore except if necessary.

The vessels have also been instructed to confirm and report inventory of masks, gloves and hand sanitizer. If there are less than 100 masks onboard, the vessel is to arrange with agents the purchase of up to 1,000 masks and arrange to supply additional gloves and hand sanitizer if needed.

On January 30, APL further advised that, since crew may be exposed to the virus, the company will be denying shore leave regardless of whether or not a crew member has a Chinese visa. APL will not honor any restriction-to-ship claims. Also, APL will only conduct crew changes in China under very limited circumstances.

The *President Roosevelt* and *President Wilson* were scheduled for shipyard periods in China shipyards in February and March. The shipyard periods have been cancelled as of now. The *President Roosevelt* will be held in Busan, South Korea from approximately February 5 – February 14. The *President Wilson* will continue in service and the shipyard period will be rescheduled for a later date.

On January 28, the unions were notified by Matson Offshore Labor Relations Manager Danny Defanti of the steps, policies and procedures Matson has put in place to mitigate risk, particularly with regard to the CLX vessels calling the Chinese ports of Shanghai, Ningbo and Xiamen, as follows:

- Non-passenger commercial vessels that have been to China within the last 14 days, with no sick crewmembers, will be permitted to enter the U.S. and conduct normal operations, with restrictions. Crewmembers on these vessels will be required under Captain of the Port (COTP) authority to remain aboard the vessel except to conduct specific activities directly related to vessel cargo or provisioning operations.
- If there are any crew changes to make during a U.S. port call, the vessel master must contact the local Coast Guard COTP for permission and coordination.
- The Coast Guard considers it a hazardous condition under 33 CFR 160.216 if a crewmember was in China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau) within the past 14 days and is brought onboard the vessel during transit. This requires immediate notification to the nearest COTP.
- Vessel masters shall inform Coast Guard boarding teams of any ill crew members on their vessel prior to embarking the team and boarding teams should verify the type of illnesses with CDC if concerns arise.
- Should a ship's master report an outbreak, as part of their 96-hour advance notice of arrival, aboard a vessel, the COTP will notify the CDC and local Public Health Service (PHS) officials, providing them the vessel's information; and direct the vessel to a quarantine anchorage, establish a safety/security zone around the vessel, and coordinate further actions with CDC and PHS officials.
- All CLX vessels confirmed they are fully outfitted with the required personal protective equipment (PPE). Should additional PPE be required enroute to China, Matson Guam requests that it be sourced in Guam instead of Naha. Matson Shanghai has requested that Guam arrange for ship's supplies, including food and vegetables.
- All pilots and stevedores in Chinese ports are required to be screened for a fever prior to being dispatched to a vessel and any people entering the terminal yard, including Matson planners, are being requested to wear masks and will be screened for a fever.
- For vessels calling Chinese ports, lock all exterior doors with the exception of the one nearest to the gangway and have the SUP gangway watch control access this door for the purpose of restricting access inside the house to ship's crew only. The gangway shall be flown off the dock to prevent uncontrolled access of people to and from the vessel. The gangway watch will allow access to critical personnel only.
- No vendors or non-essential personnel will be granted access to the vessel.
- Ship's crew is restricted to the vessel.
- All crew members are advised to wear their PPE (e.g. N95 masks, nitrile gloves, goggles or safety glasses) to aid in maintaining a barrier while in contact with people from shore and to wash their hands frequently and always before touching own eyes or face.
- Ship's crew shall remain in interior spaces of the vessel as much as possible and any high contact points shall be sterilized upon departure from the port.

## MFOW ELECTION

Referendum balloting was held from Saturday, December 7, 2019 through Thursday, February 6, 2020, for the election of MFOW officials to serve during the 2020-2022 term of office. Article V, Section XIV of the MFOW Constitution provides that one member from each Branch on the Pacific Coast shall be elected at a regular meeting of Headquarters and Branches so as to commence their duties as Balloting Committee on the first Monday of February following the conclusion of balloting.

The first Monday of February following the conclusion of balloting is February 10. Balloting Committee members from Wilmington and Seattle were elected in January and one Balloting Committee member and two helpers were elected at HQ's meeting of February 5.

The Balloting Committee turned-to at Headquarters at 1000 on Monday, February 10, 2020. Election results appear on page 5.

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There were 50 registrants dispatched in the month of January: 19 in Class "A"; 16 in Class "B"; 5 in Class "C"; and 10 Non-Seniority.

There are 40 members registered at SF: 13 in Class "A"; 22 in Class "B"; and 5 in Class "C", with approximately 157 members registered union-wide.

**Deaths:** The following deaths were reported since the last meeting: Rolf Selvig, P-2370; Wayne Fisher, P-2542.

Kudos to the following members for their advancement in seniority: Jacob Cartwright, JM-5273 and German Gaviña, JM-5270 ("C" to "B"); Jimmy Fagaran, JM-5157 and Ahmed Munassar, JM-5209 ("B" to "A").

### MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY — RRF VESSELS

*Cape Hudson* — Still in FOS, left on a mission to paradise on January 3. *Cape Henry* — ongoing electrical repairs, Electrician Ahmed Munassar, JM-5209; shipped two Standby Wipers to assist with clean up at Pier 96. *Cape Horn* — in ROS at Pier 50, Electrician Ronny Ting, #3916.

### PATRIOT CONTRACT SERVICES

**RRF Vessels:** The *Cape Orlando* and *GTS Admiral Callaghan* are ROS, Alameda RRF, with Electricians Marcos Almazan, JM-4933, and Mario Bolanos, #3893. *Cape Taylor*, *Cape Texas* and *Cape Victory* are at BPT RRF with Electricians Victor Armenta, JM-5301; and Marion Cruzat, JM-5166. *Cape Trintity* returned from DDX; Cris James, JM-5065, is the new Electrician. *Cape Vincent* completed its mission to nowhere (October 28-January 28).

**Watson-class LMSR Vessels:** The *Charlton*, *Dahl* and *Soderman* are running smooth in FOS in the Saipan area. *Charlton* — shipped a relief Wiper, waiting on travel arrangements. *Dahl* — shipped a relief Wiper, waiting on travel arrangements; lost an Oiler job to Honolulu.

FOS vessels running in Diego Garcia are *Pomeroy*, *Sisler* and *Watson*. *Pomeroy* — shipped one Oiler, waiting on travel arrangements.

LMSRs in or awaiting RAV status: *Watkins* — at Bayonne, New Jersey. *Red Cloud* — activated January 30 for DDX sea trials, dispatched one Oiler.

### INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Recent industry news from *The Maritime Executive*:

**UAE Tanker Fire** — At the beginning of February, it was reported the tanker *Zoha 1* had caught fire about 20 miles off the coast of Sharja, with

12 crew members and 44 workers on board. The 300,000dwt tanker was being prepared for scrapping at the time of the incident, after being stationary for at least the past year or longer. In 2018, the crew issued a desperate plea for assistance, claiming they had been stranded since 2017 due to a legal dispute involving the vessel's owner and that they had not been paid in months.

**Extra Decks Found on Capsized Vessel** — Salvors working on a capsized livestock carrier claim they have found extra decks on the vessel. The Palau-flagged *Queen Hind* capsized last November shortly after departing the Port of Midia on Romania. Although the crew escaped safely, only 180 of 14,600 sheep were saved. Divers were sent to investigate after the vessel could not be lifted by cranes, inferring that several thousand more sheep were onboard than previously reported. The claim that extra sheep were aboard has been disputed.

**Australian Court Blocks Union Action** — Australia's Federal Court has issued an interim injunction banning wharfies from undertaking industrial action as part of their fight for a new workplace agreement. The court order prevents more than 1,800 workers employed at DP World Australia container terminals in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Fremantle from taking any form of legally protected industrial action until March 13, 2020. A spokesman for the Maritime Union of Australia says that DP World management have cancelled approved holidays, attempted to strip away social benefits, sacked workers, docked pay, prevented workers from meeting with union representatives, cancelled bonuses and threatened mass termination of 10 percent of the workforce.

**NCL Eliminates Plastic Bottles** — Norwegian Cruise Line has become the first global cruise line to cease the use of single-used plastic beverage bottles across its entire fleet. NCL joins regional operator Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, which ended plastic bottle use on board its vessels last year.

**HMM to Launch Mega Ships** — South Korean logistics major Hyundai Merchant Marine will introduce the largest container ships in the world this April. HMM will deploy a total of 12 24,000-TEU super large vessels, one per week, on its Asia-Europe services. It will start its service as an official member of "The Alliance," one of the three major shipping alliances in the world, by sharing space with Hapag-Lloyd of Germany, ONE of Japan and Yang Ming of Taiwan.



MFOV Shore Mechanic Mike Campbell, #3850, at the Fenix Marine Services terminal in San Pedro, California.

## BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT

Here is the vessel rundown for the month of January 2020:

### MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY

*MV Manukai* — out of DDX in China with an all-new Wilmington crew; going back on CLX run. *SS Lihue* — laid up @ Tacoma since October 3. *SS Matsonia* — laid up @ Alameda RRF since December 27. *MV Mokihana* — delegate REJ Dale Cunningham, #3597, ship laid up @ Pier 60, MHT since January 11 and shall remain there until further notice.

On the PNW triangle run: *MV Mahimahi* — delegate REJ Patrick Gillette, #3880...no beefs. *MV Maunawili* — delegate REJ Andrew Peake, #3765...no beefs.

On the PSW triangle run: *MV Daniel K. Inouye* — delegate ERJ Baldev Singh, #3782...no beefs; shipped one REJ for time up and one DJU returning from a trip off. *MV Lurline* — delegate ERJ Scanlon Henneberry, #3717...no beefs, a new vessel with an all-Wilmington black gang of six, still "dialing in the plant."

### APL MARINE SERVICES

On the EX1 run: *MV President Ken-*

*nedey* — delegate ERJ Kenneth Fenley, #3740...no beefs. *MV President Truman* — delegate ERJ Danilo Datuin, #3907...no beefs; shipped one DJU for a time—up. *MV President Roosevelt* — delegate REJ Ali Malahi, JM—5300, stated there were some issues brought up to the Wilmington port agent, who then spoke to the company representatives; no beefs while at the port of Oakland.

*MV President Eisenhower* — delegate REJ Steve Ondreako, #3819...no beefs. *MV President Wilson* — delegate DJU David Madrid, #3591 and I spoke with the chief engineer and the captain about some food beefs and shortage of provisions in the unlicensed crew mess; no other beefs.

Shuttle vessels on the GSX run: *APL Saipan* — delegate REJ Nick Ertl, JM-5277; Headquarters shipped an ERJ for a time up. *APL Guam* — delegate DJU Aris Delacruz, #3777.

On the JSX run: *APL Gulf Express* — delegate REJ Rey Llona, #3901.

Faternally,  
**Bobby Baca**

## Port of Guam awarded grant from MARAD

The Port Authority of Guam was recently awarded a \$623,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD). The funds will be used to upgrade the port's security surveillance system and update the port's access control system, according to a press release.

"We are pleased and thankful that the Maritime Administration continues to recognize the port's efforts to improve the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial

Port of Guam to address expectations of organic growth and strategic importance of the ongoing military buildup," said a port official. "Our partnership and collaboration has been a critical component of our modernization program and the aggressive projects funded by the (Maritime Administration) supports the necessary upgrades that will further enhance the Port's core capabilities and resiliency."

MARINE FIREMEN'S UNION OFFICER ELECTION FEBRUARY 10, 2020 ACCUMULATED TOTALS 13:24:01 10-Feb-2020 / Page		Unilect	
Totals			1
Precincts Counted	50.00%		1
Ballots Cast			167
President / Secretary Treasurer (Vote for no more than one)			
Anthony G. Poplawski	100.00%		151
Total	100.00%		151
Vice President (Vote for no more than one)			
I. "Cajun" Callais	46.01%		75
Deyne Umphress	53.99%		88
Total	100.00%		163
San Francisco Business Agent (Vote for no more than one)			
Robert Baca	64.15%		102
Ira Bing	35.85%		57
Total	100.00%		159
Honolulu Port Agent (Vote for no more than one)			
Mario Higa	100.00%		158
Total	100.00%		158
Wilmington Port Agent (Vote for no more than one)			
Harold "Sonny" Gage	100.00%		153
Total	100.00%		153
Board Of Trustees (Vote for no more than three)			
Vote for 3			
Robert Baca	13.64%		57
I. "Cajun" Callais	15.07%		63
Harold "Sonny" Gage	27.51%		115
Mario Higa	25.60%		107
Deyne Umphress	18.18%		76
Total	100.00%		418
SIUNA Convention Delegate (Vote for no more than one)			
I. "Cajun" Callais	36.42%		59
Harold "Sonny" Gage	63.58%		103
Total	100.00%		162

We hereby certify that this statement of results is true:



## MARINE FIREMEN'S UNION TRAINING PROGRAM — 2020

Interested members who meet the Training Program eligibility requirements and prerequisites outlined for each course may obtain an application online at [mfoww.org](http://mfoww.org) or at Headquarters and branch offices. All applications must be accompanied by a copy of the member's Merchant Mariner Credential, including current endorsements and RFPEW certification.

(a) Eligible participants are MFOW members who:

- (1) Have maintained A, B or C seniority classification.
- (2) Are current with their dues.
- (3) Are eligible for medical coverage through covered employment.
- (4) Have a current Q-card (annual physical) issued by the Seafarers' Medical Center and are fit for duty.

(b) Non-seniority applicants:

(1) Non-seniority applicants may be selected for required government vessels training as required to fulfill manning obligations under the various MFOW government vessel contracts.

(2) Selectees under this provision must meet all other requirements for seagoing employment and shall have demonstrated satisfactory work habits through casual employment.

### Training Resources Maritime Institute (TRLMI)

Courses are conducted at Training Resources Maritime Institute in San Diego, California, contingent on enrollment levels. Tuition, lodging and transportation are pre-arranged by the MFU Training Plan.

#### MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND (MSC) TRAINING

This five-day course includes the following segments: Shipboard Damage Control; Environmental Programs; Chemical, Biological and Radiological Defense orientation; Helo Firefighting; Anti-Terrorism (one-year validation); Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (three-year periodicity). These segments are required for employment aboard various MSC contract-operated ships.

March 23-27

April 13-17

May 18-22

#### HIGH VOLTAGE SAFETY

This five-day course is open to members who have electrical equipment background and training. Each student should:

- Have the requisite skills (knowledge and techniques) to distinguish exposed energized electrical conductors and circuit parts from other parts of electrical equipment, capability to determine nominal system voltages;
- Have the ability and be capable of providing first aid, including resuscitation, CPR and AED (where provided);
- Be capable of determining the proper use of personnel protective equipment to protect against shock and arc flash.

**Prerequisites:** Electrician-Refrigerating Engineer/Junior Engineer/RFPEW and Able Seafarer-Engine endorsements.

February 24-28

March 9-13

April 20-24

#### ENDORSEMENT UPGRADING COURSES

##### QMED Fireman/Oiler/Watertender

A member who successfully completes the 160-hour Qualified Member of the Engine Department (QMED) Fireman/Oiler/Watertender course will satisfy the requirements needed for the national endorsements as QMED Fireman/Watertender and QMED Oiler, provided all other requirements, including sea service, are also met. **Prerequisites:** 180 days or more of MFOW-contracted sea time as Wiper; PLUS Coast Guard approval letter for endorsement upgrading, which certifies minimum of 180 days' sea time as Wiper.

March 2-27

May 4-29

##### STCW Rating Forming Part of an Engineering Watch

A member who successfully completes the 40-hour Rating Forming Part of an Engineering Watch (RFPEW) course will satisfy the requirements needed for the STCW endorsement as RFPEW. **Prerequisites:** See QMED Fireman/Oiler/Watertender course. It is recommended that eligible candidates schedule the QMED Fireman/Oiler/Watertender and RFPEW courses back-to-back for a five-week combined training session.

March 30-April 3

June 1-5

##### QMED Electrician/Refrigerating Engineer

A member who successfully completes the 240-hour QMED Electrician/Refrigerating Engineer course will satisfy the requirements needed for the national endorsement as QMED Electrician/Refrigerating Engineer, provided all other requirements, including sea service, are also met. **Prerequisites:** Endorsements as QMED Fireman/Watertender, QMED Oiler, and RFPEW; PLUS 180 days' of MFOW-contracted sea time while qualified as RFPEW.

March 2-April 10

May 4-June 12

##### STCW Able Seafarer-Engine

A member who successfully completes the 40-hour Able Seafarer-Engine (AS-E) course will satisfy the requirements needed for the STCW endorsement as AS-E. **Prerequisites:** Endorsements as QMED Electrician/Refrigerating Engineer, QMED Fireman/Watertender, QMED Oiler and RFPEW; PLUS 180 days' or more of MFOW-contracted sea time while qualified as RFPEW.

April 20-24

June 15-19

##### QMED Junior Engineer

The MFOW Training Plan does not sponsor the QMED Junior Engineer course. A member who has successfully completed the modules for QMED Electrician/Refrigerating Engineer, QMED Fireman/Watertender, and QMED Oiler can be issued the national endorsement as QMED Junior Engineer without testing provided he or she has met all other sea service and training requirements.

##### QMED Pumpman/Machinist

A member who successfully completes the 240-hour QMED Pumpman/Machinist course will satisfy the requirements needed for the national endorsement as QMED Pumpman/Machinist. **Prerequisites:** 360 days or more of MFOW-contracted sea time while holding the endorsements as QMED Electrician/Refrigerating Engineer, QMED Junior Engineer, QMED Fireman-Watertender, QMED Oiler, RFPEW and AS-E.

March 9-April 17

May 4-June 12

#### STCW BASIC TRAINING\*

**\*NOTE: ALL BASIC TRAINING CERTIFICATES HOLD A ONE-YEAR VALIDATION WHEN USED FOR MARINER DOCUMENT (MMD) RENEWAL.**

##### Basic Training Revalidation (two days)

The BT Revalidation course is designed for personnel who have previously completed a 40-hour Basic Training course and have at least one year of approved Sea Service within the last five years.

**TRLMI, San Diego, CA (one day):** February 28; March 6; March 20; April 3; April 24; May 8; May 29

**California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, CA:** April 15-16; May 11-12

**Compass Courses, Edmonds, WA:** February 25-26; March 24-25

**El Camino College, Hawthorne, CA (one day):** March 15; April 19

**MITAGS-PMI, Seattle, WA:** March 23-24; April 20-21; May 7-8

**Maritime License Center, Honolulu, HI:** March 5-6; May 7-8

##### Basic Training Refresher (three days)

The BT Refresher course (24 hours) is designed for personnel who have previously completed a 40-hour Basic Training course and have NOT completed one year of approved Sea Service within the last five years.

**TRLMI, San Diego, CA:** March 25-27; April 15-17; May 20-22

**California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, CA:** March 9-11

**Compass Courses, Edmonds, WA:** February 25-27; March 24-26

**El Camino College, Hawthorne, CA:** March 19-21; April 10-12

**MITAGS-PMI, Seattle, WA:** call for dates

**Maritime License Center, Honolulu, HI:** March 4-6; May 6-8

## Marine Firemen's Union Training Plan Tuition Reimbursement Policy

The Marine Firemen's Union Training Plan reimburses tuition costs (not lodging, subsistence or transportation) for certain types of training taken by a participant on his own.

However, preapproval of the training must be given by the Marine Firemen's Union Training Plan prior to taking the course.

Any request for reimbursement without preapproval from the Marine Firemen's Union Training Plan will be denied.



MV APL Saipan Wiper Tony Zarriello, JM-5329, is cleaning a cylinder liner with assistance from Junior Engineer Tony Grace, JM-5217.



## Tariffs hurting Louisiana's biggest ports

The impact of trade wars negatively affected Louisiana's biggest ports last year, according to reports from their governing bodies. The recently released reports say bulk cargo volumes dropped by 25 percent at the Port of New Orleans in 2019, and the much larger Port of South Louisiana saw a decrease of 15 percent.

While the state's economic growth has increased in recent months, the shipping industry plays a critical role and the slowdown suggests President Donald Trump's tariffs are putting pressure on parts of the economy. Corn and other agricultural products pass through the two ports on their way to foreign markets, and the state's oil and petrochemical sector also relies heavily on them. Economic impact reports show the ports bring in hundreds of millions of dollars in state taxes and that 50,000 jobs in the six parishes where they operate are directly or

indirectly tied to them.

A fall in steel shipments and other tariff-affected business hurt the Port of New Orleans' overall results despite an increase in cruise traffic and a 10 percent rise in container shipping.

Tariffs have been even more troublesome for the Port of South Louisiana, which runs along nearly 55 miles from Destrehan in St. Charles Parish to St. James Parish.

A former Louisiana State University economics professor wrote a 2015 economic impact study for the Port of South Louisiana, which said it remains to be seen whether recent trade battles will leave lasting damage that could jeopardize expansion plans at the two ports. The Port of South Louisiana's expansion plans have already been stalled because of the volatility of steel prices.

## USACE submits Unalaska dredging report for authorization

The commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and 54th U.S. Army Chief of Engineers has signed the Unalaska (Dutch Harbor) Channels Chief's Report in Washington, D.C. The signing progresses the proposed project to Congress for authorization.

Located in the Aleutian Islands about 800 miles southwest from Anchorage, a bar shallower than the surrounding bathymetry limits vessel traffic that can safely access the port facilities and areas of refuge in Dutch Harbor. The final feasibility study recommends deepening the existing bar to minus 58 feet providing one-way access for ships with a draft up to 44 feet. Cur-

rently, the bar accommodates vessels with a draft of 38 feet. Initial estimates of deepening the channel would involve dredging approximately 182,000 cubic yards of sediment at an estimated cost of \$30.5 million.

Dutch Harbor is the only deep draft port along the 1,200-mile Aleutian Island chain. It is ice free throughout the year. The port provides vital services to vessels operating in the North Pacific and the Bering Sea. For more than 30 years, Unalaska's economy has been based on commercial fishing, seafood processing, fleet services, and marine transportation. It has the most western container terminal in the U.S.

## HONOR ROLL

### Voluntary donations to General Treasury — January 2020:

Bonny Coloma, P-2763..... \$25.00

### Dues Paying Pensioners — End of 4th Quarter 2019:

Norval Ayers, #3440 (P-2665)	Pensioned 9/1/04	
Roger Brucks, #3468 (P-2758)	Pensioned 6/1/14	San Francisco
Robert Bugarin, #3505 (P-2756)	Pensioned 4/1/14	Wilmington
Michael Carr, #3550 (P-2718)	Pensioned 5/1/11	Seattle
Bonny Coloma, #3537 (P-2763)	Pensioned 11/1/14	Honolulu
John Daly, #3527 (P-2626)	Pensioned 1/1/99	San Francisco
Anthony DeLa Rosa, #3496 (P-2753)	Pensioned 1/1/14	San Francisco
Armando DeLos Reyes, #2231 (P-2541)	Pensioned 4/1/93	San Francisco
Henry Disley, #2147 (P-2617)	Pensioned 4/1/05	San Francisco
Donald Feehan, #3344 (P-2589)	Pensioned 11/1/95	San Francisco
Daniel Fierro, #3336 (P-2653)	Pensioned 7/1/01	San Francisco
Clifford Harris, #3585 (P-2784)	Pensioned 6/1/17	San Francisco
Marvin Honig, #1765 (P-2582)	Pensioned 4/1/95	San Francisco
Joseph Lategano, #3470 (P-2749)	Pensioned 10/1/13	San Francisco
Richard Manley, #3747 (P-2783)	Pensioned 6/1/17	Wilmington
Thomas O'Neal, #3546 (P-2769)	Pensioned 7/1/15	
Herman Richter, #3521 (P-2779)	Pensioned 1/1/17	
Joe Rubio, #3697 (P-2757)	Pensioned 4/1/14	San Francisco
James F. Upchurch, #3455 (P-2666)	Pensioned 11/1/04	San Francisco

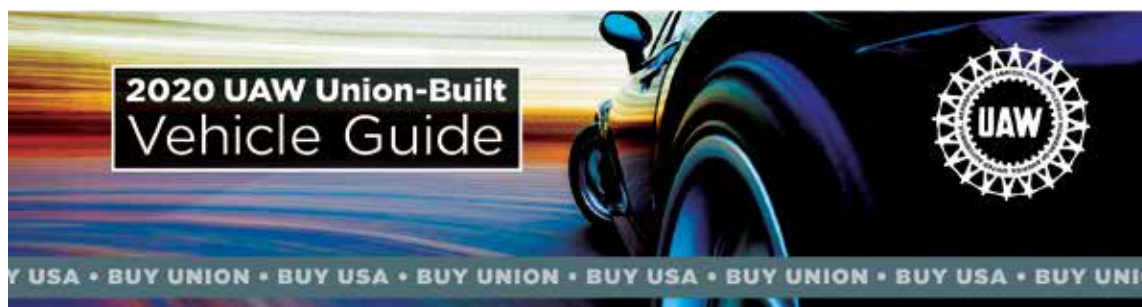
## \$97 million in maintenance planned for U.S.-flag lakers

U.S.-flag lakers idled for the winter season will undergo more than \$97 million in maintenance and modernization work at multiple Great Lakes shipyards before returning to service in March. The \$97 million figure is an increase from \$70 million in 2019, according to the Lake Carriers' Association (LCA).

After working around the clock for 10 months hauling cargo over more than 70,000 miles per vessel, the ships and their crews are given a brief rest to recoup before the Soo Locks reopen and the next season starts in March. The winter work includes steel renewal, installation of advanced electronic navigation systems, and replacement of safety equipment, such as lifeboats.

According to LCA, the investment U.S. shipping companies put into these freshwater vessels will grow the workforce at shipyards across the Great Lakes. More than 1,000 engineers, welders, pipefitters, mechanics and electricians will work on the vessels over the next two months. Major shipyards are located in Superior, Wisconsin; Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; Toledo, Ohio and Erie, Pennsylvania, with other work being done in Ashtabula, Ohio; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Detroit, Michigan and Ludington, Michigan.

The work is carefully orchestrated to get as much done as possible while ensuring the U.S.-flag fleet is ready to sail as soon as the Soo Locks open on March 25. The fleet will be in high demand come March after stockpiles of raw materials are running low and customers require resupply immediately to maintain operations and keep people employed.



#### UAW CARS

Cadillac ATS  
Cadillac CT4  
Cadillac CT5  
Cadillac CT6  
(excluding plug-in hybrid)  
Cadillac CTS  
Chevrolet Bolt (electric)  
Chevrolet Camaro  
Chevrolet Corvette  
Chevrolet Impala  
Chevrolet Malibu  
Chevrolet Sonic  
Ford Mustang  
Lincoln Continental

#### UAW TRUCKS

Chevrolet Colorado  
Chevrolet Medium-Duty Silverado  
Navistar (regular and crew cab)  
Chevrolet Silverado Light Duty  
(crew\*\* and double cab only)  
Chevrolet Silverado Heavy Duty  
Ford F Series  
Ford F-650/750  
Ford Ranger  
Ford Super Duty Chassis Cab  
GMC Canyon  
GMC Sierra Light Duty  
(crew\*\* and double cab only)  
GMC Sierra Heavy Duty  
Jeep Gladiator  
Ram 1500 (classic model — DS)\*  
Ram 1500 (new model — DT)\*

#### UAW SUVs/CPVs

Buick Enclave  
Cadillac Escalade  
Cadillac Escalade ESV  
Cadillac Escalade Hybrid  
Cadillac XT4  
Cadillac XT5  
Cadillac XT6  
Chevrolet Suburban  
Chevrolet Tahoe  
Chevrolet Tahoe (police)  
Chevrolet Tahoe (special service)  
Chevrolet Traverse  
Dodge Durango  
Ford Escape  
Ford Expedition  
Ford Explorer  
GMC Acadia  
GMC Yukon  
GMC Yukon Hybrid  
GMC Yukon XL  
Jeep Cherokee  
Jeep Grand Cherokee  
Jeep Wrangler  
Lincoln Aviator  
Lincoln Corsair  
Lincoln Navigator

#### UAW VANS

Chevrolet Express  
Chevrolet Express (cut-away)  
Ford E-Series (cut-away)  
Ford Transit  
GMC Savana  
GMC Savana (cut-away)

#### UNIFOR CARS

Cadillac XTS  
Chevrolet Impala  
Chevrolet Impala (police)  
Chrysler 300  
Dodge Challenger  
Dodge Charger

#### UNIFOR SUVs/CPVs

Chevrolet Equinox\*  
Ford Edge  
Lincoln Nautilus

#### UNIFOR VANS

Chrysler Pacifica  
Dodge Grand Caravan

These vehicles are made in the United States or Canada by members of the UAW and Canada's Unifor union, formerly the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW). Because of the integration of vehicle production in both countries, all of the vehicles listed as made in Canada include significant UAW-made content and support the jobs of UAW members.

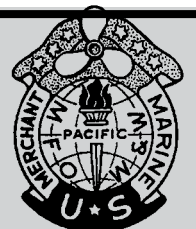
However, vehicles marked with a single asterisk (\*) are also produced in Mexico.

All heavy-duty Chevrolet Silverados and GMC Sierras will be built in Flint, Michigan, only. Light-duty Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra regular cabs are produced in Mexico only. Vehicles marked with a double asterisk (\*\*) are the crew cab versions of the Chevrolet Silverado light-duty and GMC Sierra light-duty trucks. Those are assembled by UAW members in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and also in Mexico.

When purchasing a vehicle marked with a single or double asterisk, it's important to check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). A VIN beginning with "1" or "4" or "5" identifies a U.S.-made vehicle; a "2" identifies a Canadian-made vehicle; a "3" identifies a vehicle made in Mexico. Not all vehicles made in the United States or Canada are built by union-represented workers. Vehicles not listed here, even if produced in the United States or Canada, are not union made.



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#### Rolf S. Selvig, #1876/P-2370.

Born July 12, 1920, Oslo, Norway. Joined MFOW September 16, 1947. Pensioned October 1, 1987. Died January 17, 2020, Mill Valley, CA.

#### Wayne Fisher, #2962/P-2542.

Born April 22, 1928, Tacoma, WA. Joined MFOW August 1, 1960. Pensioned May 1, 1993. Died February 1, 2020, Tacoma, WA.



# HONOLULU NOTES

In January, Honolulu dispatched a total of 67 jobs. Eleven steady billets were called. The *Kamokuiki*, *Manoa*, and the *Mahimahi* Electricians switched out, as well as reliefs for the *Kaimana Hila* Reefer, Junior and Wiper. Two more Juniors changed over on the *Saipan* and the *Pfeiffer*, along with the *Pfeiffer's* AP Wiper. The *Kamokuiki* and *Sisler* Oiler jobs changed over as well. For the standby jobs, we filled 26 Standby Electrician/Reefer and 25 Standby Wiper jobs.

The Honolulu registration list has 16

"A" seniority members, 12 "B" seniority members, and 7 "C" seniority members.

Every year the Hawaii State AFL-CIO gives back to the community, and one of their biggest events of the year is the "Labor of Love" event. This event happens on the four major Islands; this year it took place on Oahu at Kalihi Elementary School. Over 500 union members came together for this one-day event to fill the school's needs. We mostly painted the school buildings. In the café, IBEW union members removed old fans and installed new ones. We also bought

and installed a new commercial dishwasher for the cafeteria, so they won't be using single-use plastic forks anymore. There was plenty of hard "down and dirty work" in the victory garden, where mostly kids from nearby Farrington High School volunteered to dig ditches for water drainage and planted over two dozen trees. On entering the school, a new 8 ft by 8 ft sign with the school name and logo was hung on a building wall. More than \$130,000 dollars of in-kind donation was given to the school from union members. It was a very good day for all of us.

I also attended the monthly Hawaii Port Council meeting and a Hawaii State AFL-CIO Executive board meeting.

Aloha,  
**Mario Higa,**  
Port Agent



Trying out the rotisserie built on the *MV Kaimana Hila* are (left to right) Electrician Jason Medeiros, JM-5285; Reefer Engineer Travis Kehoe, JM-5137; Wiper Cuyler Yogi, JM-5319; and Junior Engineer Wayne Dang, JM-5224.



On January 25, MFOW Honolulu Port Agent Mario Higa (third from left) joined over 500 union members who volunteered to beautify the Kalihi elementary school campus at the Hawaii State AFL-CIO annual Labor of Love event. A total of \$130,000 was donated to the school.

# SEATTLE NOTES

Seattle shipped the following in the month of January: one ERJ, three Electricians, one Reefer/Electrician, two Wipers (riders to Oakland), one Standby Wiper and nine Standby Reefer/Electricians. Seattle currently has eight A-, nine B- and three C-seniority members registered for shipping.

Shipping in Seattle was slow this past month, but I expect February to pick up. Permits don't be picky; we have plenty of time when paid off to have fun and do as we please. Mariners have ideas of the ideal cruise, but their bank accounts don't share that dream. Make money and seniority while the opportunities present themselves. *Bend a sheep*

*shank before the line parts* and you will become an A-card talking about the good old days when sailing was fun.

Respectfully,  
**Brendan Bohannon,** Representative

### Active MFOW members

Retain your Welfare Fund eligibility.  
**MAIL or TURN IN** all your Unfit for Duty slips to:  
**MFOW Welfare Fund,**  
240 Second Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

# WILMINGTON NOTES

Wilmington Branch members and applicants were dispatched to 85 jobs in the month of January. We shipped four APL, seven Matson and four PCS ship-board billets, and six Shore Mechanics. 22 applicants worked standby jobs and one made a ship. Members registered here number 25 A-, 16 B- and 17 C-seniority members.

Most ships were on time and paid off with no beefs. There were a couple of ships that did have food beefs again (same ships) and this was addressed with the company.

As this goes to print, we will be voting in the California primary for our elected officials. I don't think that I need to remind you to vote.

## HOWZ SHIPPING?

### January 2020

#### San Francisco

Electrician.....	3
Electrician/Reefer/Jr. Engineer.....	1
Reefer/Electrician/Jr. Engineer.....	1
Junior Engineer (Day).....	3
Oiler.....	3
Wiper.....	2
Standby Electrician/Reefer.....	17
Standby Wiper.....	20
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>50</b>

#### Wilmington

Electrician/Reefer/Jr. Engineer.....	4
Reefer/Electrician/Jr. Engineer.....	2
Junior Engineer (Day).....	3
Oiler.....	3
Wiper.....	2
Shore Mechanic.....	6
Standby Electrician/Reefer.....	14
Standby Wiper.....	51
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>85</b>

#### Seattle

Electrician.....	2
Electrician/Reefer/Jr. Engineer.....	2
Reefer/Electrician/Jr. Engineer.....	1
Wiper.....	2
Standby Electrician/Reefer.....	9
Standby Wiper.....	1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>17</b>

#### Honolulu

Electrician/Reefer/Jr. Engineer.....	5
Reefer/Electrician/Jr. Engineer.....	1
Junior Engineer (Day).....	4
Oiler.....	2
Wiper.....	2
Shore Mechanic.....	2
Standby Electrician/Reefer.....	26
Standby Wiper.....	25
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>67</b>

The *SS Lane Victory* has good news via clearance to resume work in the engine room and is accepting volunteers on Saturdays at 0900. Report to Chief Engineer Jim Gillen or Assistant Engineer Steve Silcock. Volunteers are very much appreciated. Work smartly and safely.

**Harold "Sonny" Gage,** Port Agent

## Regular membership meeting dates 2020

March	4	S.F. Headquarters
	11	Branches
April	1	S.F. Headquarters
	8	Branches
May	6	S.F. Headquarters
	13	Branches
June	3	S.F. Headquarters
	10	Branches
July	1	S.F. Headquarters
	8	Branches
August	5	S.F. Headquarters
	12	Branches
Sept.	2	S.F. Headquarters
	9	Branches
October	7	S.F. Headquarters
	14	Branches
Nov.	4	S.F. Headquarters
	12*	Branches
Dec.	2	S.F. Headquarters
	9	Branches

(\*Thursday meeting, due to a holiday the day before)

## Benefits paid during January

<b>Death Benefits</b>	
None	
<b>Burial Benefits</b>	
Magtalas, Rodolfo M., P-2408	\$577.20
<b>Excess Medical</b>	\$6,091.54
<b>Glasses and Examinations</b>	\$994.00

## POLITICAL ACTION FUND

### Voluntary donations for January 2020:

Jason Babbitt, JM-5238	\$30.00
Dale Cunningham, #3597	\$100.00
Joe Rubio, P-2757	\$100.00
Bonny Coloma, P-2763	\$25.00
Erick Anglo, JM-5214	\$25.00

## MARINE FIREMAN SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND VOLUNTARY PAF DONATIONS

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