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## Workers at Westshore Rescue Crew Members

On Tuesday May 13 a crew member working on the 'MV Grand Future' was knocked into the water at Westshore Terminals while the ship was being tied up. Read the story here <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/grand-future-crew-member-falls-off-ship-near-deltaport-1.2640593>. Here is a copy of the [letter](#) sent out by Westshore thanking our members for jumping in to rescue the crewman.



This story has spread around the world, mainly through our Brothers and Sisters in the [ITF](#) (International Transport Workers Federation) the Global Union to which we are affiliated. Thanks have been coming in from all over. The men received praise from the ITF's coordinator in Japan, Fusao Otori, whose All Japan Seafarers' Union helped to cover the Grand Future with a Collective Agreement. "I really appreciate the prompt decision of the two foremen, Don Carrier and Andy Ilchuk, to save one of our union members and jump into the water, even though they knew they were putting themselves at high risk.

## First Issue of ILWU Canada News

This is our first issue. It will improve in future issues as we hope to be able to keep you informed of everything going on around our Union. Make sure all your ILWU friends are getting it as our list is still quite small. There is a 'Forward' button near the bottom.

## ILWU Canada Asked to Sit On Truck Driver Steering Committee

We attended our first Steering Committee meeting this week. The Steering Committee came out of the 14 point 'settlement' put together by the Province of BC and Federal Government in regard to the recent truck strike. The meeting/conference call was attended by BC and Federal Government

the recent truck strike. The meeting conference call was attended by BC and Federal Government, some of our employers, the Teamsters, Unifor and UTA. It is important for us to be there and make sure our side of the story is not forgotten. Some people have suggested that the ILWU contract is part of the problem and we pointed out that we work 24 hours a day on the terminals and believe that it is time the trucking community starting paying attention to that, and that we support opening night gates for container trucks. We will not be throwing out our hard worked for contract to make a few trucking companies happy, but we are prepared to work with anyone in making sure that the port is utilized to its' full extent by everyone.

## PMA & ILWU Begin Talks on New West Coast Waterfront Labor Pact

SAN FRANCISCO (May 12, 2014) - Negotiations for a new labor contract covering nearly 20,000 dockworkers at 29 West Coast ports began Monday afternoon in San Francisco. The current contract expires at midnight on June 30, 2014.

The contract is between employers who operate port terminals and shipping lines represented by the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) and dockworkers represented by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU). The parties have negotiated a West Coast collective bargaining agreement since the 1930s.

"Dockworkers are looking forward to negotiating a fair agreement that protects the good jobs and benefits that support thousands of families and dozens of communities around west coast ports," said ILWU International President Bob McEllrath.

PMA President Jim McKenna said: "West Coast ports have lost significant market share in recent years, and face renewed competition from Canada, Mexico, the Panama Canal and other domestic ports for cargo that has powered job and economic growth in local port communities and beyond. With these stakes in mind, PMA and its members are focused on delivering a contract that ensures the West Coast's standing as the gateway of choice for goods sent to and from Asia."

Talks are scheduled to continue on a daily basis in San Francisco until an agreement is reached. The site of negotiations will alternate on a weekly basis, between the ILWU and PMA offices, both of which are headquartered in San Francisco. Both sides say they expect cargo to keep moving until an agreement is reached.

Reprinted from ILWU International, by Craig Merrilees

## CUPE Rally in White Rock

BC Federation of Labour President Jim Sinclair, will join CUPE BC President Mark Hancock and representatives from CUPE 402 and 402-01 at a solidarity rally marking the first full week of a city-wide strike. Light snacks and refreshments will be available.

Please come and bring your flags and banners to show your support for CUPE 402-01 workers.

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2014  
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Place: White Rock City Hall  
15322 Buena Vista Ave, White Rock, BC



(Follow 152nd Street south and it turns into Johnston Road. Johnston Road curves left and becomes Pacific Avenue. Take next left - Fir Street, Right on Buena Vista, City Hall is right there.)

A copy of CUPE BC's solidarity [rally notice](#) with details of the dispute is attached for you.

## We Need Action To Prevent Injuries and Deaths at Work

It's a staggering number: a total of 17,160 workers suffered serious injuries or died on the job last year.

We need laws that keep people safe at work, provide full compensation when workers are injured, and meaningful rehabilitation to help individuals return to work.

Women and men suffered permanent disabilities. Families lost their breadwinner. Children lost a parent.

The human cost is heartbreaking. The economic cost is huge. [Read More](#)



## Be More Than A Bystander



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