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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

For the under 35 crowd. Please be sure to register for the Young Workers Conference 2017. See our website for more details. ilwu.ca

It is good see the US defending its Cabotage laws. The Canadian government seems more interested in giving waivers to foreign flagged vessels. We are keeping the pressure on and will be meeting with the Minister of Transportation soon. In Australia, seafarers that fought for their jobs after being replaced by foreign workers are being fined by the government. Shame!

Recently ILWU local 502 lost one of the own. Steve Mahlli died March 29th in a tragic car accident. He left behind a wife and two kids. His friends have set up a gofundme page to help out his family. See link below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/to-the-family-of-steve-mahlli>

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11) Join the Fight for \$15. Sign the petition today. We have over 56,000 people have signed up already.

In solidarity

Bob Dhaliwal

Secretary Treasurer

ILWU Canada



2017

YOUNG WORKERS CONFERENCE

September 27, 28, 29, 2017

**Maritime Labour Centre
1880 Triumph Street
Vancouver, BC V5L 4C4**

The conference is open to all Members and Casuals 35 years of age and under, with a limit of 140 delegates. Topics will include Social Media, Political Action and History, as well as guest speakers.

Applications for registration can be found at your Local Union office, the ILWU Canada office, or online at www.ilwu.ca under the Resource Page.

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
May 15, 2017**

Space is limited so get your forms in ASAP to the ILWU Canada office either in person, or by email to reception@ilwu.ca.

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Alaska Oil Company to Pay Record Fine for Jones Act Violation



An oil and gas company from Alaska has agreed to pay a record USD 10 million civil penalty for violating the Jones Act by using a foreign-flagged vessel to transport a rig from the Gulf of Mexico to Alaska without prior authorization, the US Justice Department said.

Furie Operating Alaska, a company whose focus is exploration and production of natural gas and oil in Cook Inlet, was originally penalised by US Customs and Border Protection when it transported the Spartan 151 jack-up drill rig from the Gulf of Mexico to Alaska in 2011 using a foreign-flagged vessel without acquiring a waiver of the Jones Act from the Secretary of Homeland Security.

The agreement to pay resolves a civil lawsuit filed by Furie in 2012 challenging the assessment of the civil penalty. The settlement in this case is the largest Jones Act penalty in the history of the Act.

The Jones Act, passed in 1920, prohibits a foreign vessel from transporting merchandise between points in the United States. A violation of the Jones Act may result in the assessment of a civil penalty equal to the value of the merchandise. A waiver may be obtained, in limited circumstances, from the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security when he or she believes it is in the interest of national defense, following a determination that there is no US vessel available to engage in the transport.

"Resolution of this case demonstrates that the Jones Act will be actively enforced and that an intentional violation will not be rewarded. The settlement also provides closure to Furie and is designed not to undermine its ability to bring natural gas to market in Southcentral Alaska," the Department of Justice said.

The ITF (International Transport Workers' Federation) Cabotage

Taskforce, which is meeting in Oslo, Norway, today applauded the United States Department of Justice's announcement that the company Furie Operating Alaska LLC has agreed to pay USD10 million 'to satisfy a civil penalty originally assessed against it by US Customs and Border Protection for violating the Jones Act,' America's freight cabotage law.



Documentary on Automation

Uruguay Losing Hope for Crew after Bulk Carrier Sinking



Picture of the MV Stellar Daisy

Uruguay's navy has told [Reuters](#) that it is losing hope of rescuing the remaining 22 crew members from the Stellar Daisy after it sank in the South Atlantic on Friday some 3,700 kilometers off Uruguay's coast.

South Korean government sources told [Yonhap](#) news agency that two Filipino crew members were rescued from a life raft on Saturday by a commercial ship, but only empty lifeboats, fuel and debris have been found since then.

"The more hours pass, the less the chances are of finding them," spokesman for the Uruguayan Navy Gaston Jaunsolo told Reuters. He added that a Brazilian plane had flown over the area on Sunday morning and an Argentine war ship was due to join the search efforts after it was said that the ship had split in two and sank. The Stellar Daisy, owned and operated by South Korea's Polaris Shipping based in Busan, was carrying 260,000 tonnes of iron ore bound for China from Brazil.

A text message was sent to the ship operator on Friday from a member of the crew that said the ship was taking on water on the port side and was listing rapidly, according to Yonhap. It is currently not yet known why the ship sank but there is speculation that the Stellar Daisy could have lost stability and sank through a cargo

shift as liquefied nickel has been documented to have caused ore bulk carriers to become unbalanced.

Dear Friend,

In 2010, Qatar was awarded the 2022 World Cup in a vote that shocked much of the sporting world. In the seven years since it's winning bid, however, **it's Qatar's shocking treatment of workers that has caught the world's attention.**

From pittance wages that often go unpaid to confiscation of passports that keep workers trapped in inhumane living and deadly working conditions, **Qatar has been called a modern-day slave state.** Outrage from human rights groups, labour organisations and football fans has continued to grow as **Qatar has spent the last seven years making, and then breaking, promises to end exploitation of workers.**

After seven years of broken promises, let's use social media to show that we-and World Cup workers-are tired of talk. Click the links below to **help expose Qatar's hypocrisy and make clear that when it comes to workers' rights in Qatar, it's time for action.**

[Share on Facebook](#)

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Last year, **the International Labour Organisation (ILO) gave Qatar one year to finally make good on its promises to workers and time is up.** The ILO meeting next week will review what progress has been made, but unfortunately, Qatar has only continued its string of broken promises.

As the ILO meets, help spread the word that for seven long years in Qatar, it's not been workers' rights, but workers wronged.

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As Qatar faces the ILO review, it will have to answer for it's continued broken promises and lack of progress-but you may be shocked to learn that they've managed to stoop even lower. Not only has the country spent years refusing to reform, **Qatar is actually blocking**

international companies who want to do the right thing for workers in Qatar from giving workers the same rights as these companies would provide in their own country!

Help expose Qatar's shocking treatment of workers, and string of broken promises.

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Every day, the ITUC fights for workers throughout the world, and has been at the forefront in calling on Qatar to end its system of modern-slavery. **Together, we'll continue to expose Qatar's reprehensible labour practices and demand that World Cup workers be treated with the respect and dignity they deserve-and with your help, we'll win.**

In solidarity,

Sharan Burrow,

General Secretary

International Trade Union Confederation



Mega Ship Bridge Tour



MEDIA RELEASE

News from the International Transport Workers' Federation

30 March 2017

Malaviya Seven update

The ITF (International Transport Workers' Federation) yesterday arrested the ship Malaviya Seven on behalf of its crew. The move is the latest by the ITF in support of the crew of the vessel, which has been effectively abandoned in Aberdeen, Scotland by its owners, and detained by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency at the federation's request (see <https://goo.gl/ddzOFU>).

ITF inspector Liam Wilson has been assisting the crew members, who are of Indian nationality, since June last year, when a routine inspection revealed that 15 of them had gone unpaid for four months. He explained: "We've been helping these men since the beginning, particularly with their basic needs such as food and water, while working to recover the money that is due to them. I'd like to thank the local community and seafarers' welfare organisations for their support too.

"We have reached a point where the only way that these men are going to get home with the money they are due is to help them arrest the ship, and we have now taken that move. We anticipate that within the next, say, 12 to 16 weeks, the ship will be sold and what is owed to them recovered from the sale price. This would replicate the experience of the Seven's sister ship, the Malaviya Twenty, which was detained in Great Yarmouth, and where we were pleased to be able to help the crew home, with their pay, last month." (See <https://goo.gl/EGYS3f>.)

ITF UK and Ireland coordinator Ken Fleming commented: "To say that workers are owed USD666,938.03 is in itself a scandal. The owners and the Indian flag state should hang their head in shame. Equally all those that could have brought the situation to an end months ago should reflect on their inactivity,

"My organisation the ITF will now deal aggressively with the situation. Should the company or the bank not come in on record by early next week we will apply to the courts to dispose of the vessel by way of a sale to recover the crew wages. The situation will not be allowed to drag unnecessarily. "

ENDS

Unions: Spanish Gov't Boycotts Dockers & Employers' Deal

Spanish government has again boycotted a deal reached between the country's stevedores and their employers, according to a joint statement from unions Coordinadora and Federación de Trabajadores Portuarios (FTP).

After intense meetings, port companies' association Anesco and trade unions have reached an agreement in principle according to which they would seek the government's subrogation.

The subrogation by the government is said to be the only way for jobs and equal conditions between port operators in Spain - the current and the new ones to be guaranteed.

However, the unions claim that Julio Gómez Pomar, Secretary of Ministry of Public Works, sent contradictory messages, stating that the government's subrogation is now not feasible.

The agreement in principle also includes provisions for compulsory and voluntary retirement of workers during the transitional period. Earlier this month, the Spanish Congress [rejected](#) the royal decree on the port system reform which was presented by the government. Proposed earlier this year, [the new law](#) was supposed to enable ports

to hire non-unionized dockworkers instead of the unionized ones. This was expected to result in massive layoffs in the future.



7 April 2017

ITF condemns 'politically motivated' Portland fines

The ITF (International Transport Workers' Federation) Cabotage Taskforce has condemned as 'unbelievable' fines requested by Australia's Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) against crew members of the MV Portland.

ITF Cabotage Taskforce chair James Given stated. "This is shameful, unbelievable news. These men were defending their jobs when they were ejected from the ship that was their workplace in a dawn raid. Pursuing them in the court literally adds insult to injury. That the FWO is going down that path calls its motives into question. You have to ask if this move, coming as it does as Australia's Productivity Commission pushes for maritime deregulation, is politically motivated." (See goo.gl/CfDvTn)

ITF president and MUA (Maritime Union of Australia) national secretary Paddy Crumlin added: "Alcoa's actions have been condemned by the MUA, ITF* and seafarer unions around the world as an abusive attack on Australian seafarers' legal and national rights to work.

"Instead of cuddling up to this outrageous corporate behaviour by Alcoa the Fair Work Ombudsman is prosecuting hardworking Australian citizens who have always paid their taxes and taken no industrial action in this long-standing national shipping route over the last 27 years.

"The MUA will always defend any member who is dragged from their bunk at 1am while

at work by dozens of security guards, given five minutes to pack their bags, and then unceremoniously dumped on the wharf."

He concluded: "These hardworking Australian seafarers have been replaced by flag of convenience shipping which pays exploited foreign workers as little as USD \$2 an hour and registers ships in places like Liberia, Mongolia and Panama as part of one of the biggest tax avoidance scams on the planet."

The unions added that according to documents leaked to the media before the workers were told, the FWO is seeking:

Penalties against nine crew members for \$10,800 each

Penalties against the union of \$54,000

Compensation of \$500,000 to be paid by the MUA to Alcoa

"One of the replacement vessels for the MV Portland even got busted paying bribes in Nigeria and Argentina. What is going on here?"

For more reactions from Australia please see the ACTU (Australia Council of Trade Unions) press release at <https://goo.gl/EU96PC>.

See <http://goo.gl/1Cuas9>

Western Transportation Advisory Council



WESTAC is a non-profit society of major transportation organizations in Western Canada represented by business, labour, and government decision-makers. The ILWU is a founding member and holds two positions on the Executive Board, one is Local 333 Grain Workers President Gerry Gault and the other through the ILWU Affiliate in Saskatchewan the Grain Services Union General Secretary Hugh Wagner.

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in G3's plans to build a highly competitive coast-to-coast grain handling network," says Karl Gerrand , CEO, G3. "These two new locations are being constructed with the same state-of-the-art truck delivery and rail shipping features ...

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Stephen Poloz, governor of the Bank of Canada. (Photograph by Jaime Hogge) On March 28, in commemoration of Canada's 150th birthday, Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz gave a speech in his hometown of ...

[Provinces poised to sign historic Canadian Free Trade Agreement in April](#)

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March 30th, 2017

Canadian territories and provinces are expected to sign a free trade deal in April that will change the way goods and services are exchanged across the country. "It's the biggest step forward in removing barriers to internal trade in our ...

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[and energy stocks are still mighty forces, the financial sector ...](#)

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Rachman is far from the first analyst to argue that China and other Asian nations are rising while the Western world declines, nor is he the first to cite the now-familiar statistics about China's ballooning economy and unparalleled manufacturing ...

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[Canada should put a stop to importing oil; Let's use our energy riches wisely, writes Prasad Panda](#)

Calgary Herald

March 25th, 2017

Alberta's oil is the best in the world, but Canada continues to import more than 245,000 barrels of oil per day from countries with brutal human rights and environmental records. This needs to change. It's why I'm putting forward a motion ...

[Cenovus snaps up ConocoPhillips assets for \\$17.7-billion; The Calgary-based company said it would issue \\$3-billion in shares in a bought ...](#)

theglobeandmail.com

March 29th, 2017

Cenovus Energy Inc. is bulking up in a \$17.7-billion deal to more than double its production as the

repatriation of Canada's oil sands winnows control of the resource to a handful of domestic players.

Cenovus said late on Wednesday that ...

Environment

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[Canadian CFOs set a course to embed accounting for sustainability into finance](#)

The Globe and Mail

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Senior executive vice-president and chief financial officer, Manulife "It is not necessarily a choice between making money on the one hand and 'doing the right thing' on the other. On the contrary, once it is recognized that 'business as usual' is ...

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[Are ports the next industry startups can shake up? PSA Unboxed thinks so](#)

Tech In Asia

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weather, it's a wonder they haven't yet dealt more with maritime and shipping - which faces these conditions literally as well as figuratively. That's what port operator PSA International is trying to encourage with ...

Workforce

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[What, me worry?: Experts say we won't have enough workers once the boomers retire. Others warn that robots are stealing our jobs. Anyone ...](#)

The Globe and Mail

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There's nothing like a good horror movie to draw a crowd. Just ask Donald Trump, who won the U.S. presidency by insisting that the economy was imploding and murder rates were soaring. Or Nigel Farage, the Brexit leader who managed to ...

Marine

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[PSA and French partner to double container capacity](#)

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SINGAPORE - Port operator PSA and French shipping giant CMA CGM Group have kicked off the second phase of their container terminal joint venture in Singapore, which will double total operating capacity to four million TEUs ...

[Owner of MV Marathassa charged for 2015 oil spill in Vancouver's English Bay: Public Prosecution Service lays charges against management ...](#)

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The owner of the MV Marathassa, the bulk grain carrier that spilled thousands of litres of bunker fuel into Vancouver's English Bay and revealed cracks in Canada's marine-response system, has been charged with 10 pollution-related offences and could ...

[Port of Vancouver vessel lineups remain high | Transportation | Business in Vancouver](#)

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Although vessel lineups at the Port of Vancouver have declined in the past week or so, they are still above historic levels, according to Canada's Grain Monitoring Program (GMP).

Rail

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[New CP Rail CEO tackles rift with railroaders after years of cuts](#)

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vows managers and officer workers will drive trains in event of strike Canadian Pacific Railway's new CEO says his top priority is to expand business in both Canada and the U.S. but he acknowledges he faces

deep employee ...

[Yamashita joins Cando](#)

Railway Age

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Brandon, Manitoba-based Cando Rail Services has appointed Canadian Pacific engineering department veteran Tim Yamashita as Vice-President of Engineering and Track Services, effective March 13.

Yamashita is responsible for ...

[Sask. shortline railways given option to buy hopper cars](#)

Prairie Post

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Saskatchewan Agriculture Saskatchewan's 13 commercial shortline railways will be given the first opportunity to purchase the province's 900 grain cars as the Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation (SGCC) is wound down. "The time is right for the ...

Trucking

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[IN PRINT -- The Last Mile: Companies from Amazon to Zootly are transforming trucking](#)

Today's Trucking

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does not end there. These e-commerce transactions are also transforming the way goods are shipped from Distribution Centers, and even giving birth to new private fleet models. Some call it the Amazon effect.

Others refer to it as ...

FIGHT FOR \$15 Minimum Wage

[It is time to increase the minimum wage and address income inequality in BC.](#)



At \$10.85/hr BC's minimum wage is one of the lowest in Canada. As the cost of living continues to go up, workers earning minimum wage cannot make ends meet.

BC's minimum wage leaves full-time workers living below the poverty line.

The BC Federation of Labour believes that work should lift you out of poverty. It's time for the BC government to increase the minimum wage so that nobody is left behind.

Help us fight for \$15/hr. It's only fair!

Sign the petition!

[Click the image below to visit the Fight For \\$15 website.](#)

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Waterfront News

Reminder

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