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## **Doomed cargo ship El Faro sailed off-course and full-speed INTO the path of Hurricane Joaquin, tracking data reveals... as former crew members describe the vessel as a leaky 'rust bucket' that needed a 'death certificate'**

- **33 people, including 28 Americans, are missing after the El Faro sank to the east of the Bahamas**
- **Huge waves and 105mph winds led to vessel taking on water and listing**
- **Tracking data shows the ship deviated from its normal course and was sailing at close to full speed into the storm**
- **Meanwhile three former crew members said the 40-year-old cargo ship had a history of taking on water**
- **One claimed: 'That ship wasn't supposed to be on the water'**
- **The Coast Guard called off its search for possible survivors Wednesday**

By [LYDIA WILLGRESS FOR MAILONLINE](#)

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The doomed El Faro cargo ship inexplicably sailed full speed into the path of Hurricane Joaquin, tracking data has revealed.

Fifty-foot waves and winds up to 105mph led to the vessel losing momentum before it started taking on water on October 1, data from the ship's tracker showed.

Thirty-three people - 28 Americans and five Poles - are still missing after the ship sank off the east coast of the Bahamas. The Coast Guard called off its search for possible survivors on Wednesday.

[Click here to read full story.](#)

## **Statement by SIU President Michael Sacco on End of El Faro Search Mission (10/7)**



Although we tried to maintain hope, we were afraid this moment would come. It is difficult to describe the profound grief we are sharing throughout our organization and with the crew members' families.

Words also cannot adequately express our gratitude for everyone involved in the search efforts. To the men and women of the Coast Guard, Navy and Air Force, we thank you and we salute you. We also deeply appreciate the efforts of Crowley Maritime and everyone else who pitched in. We know the effort was extraordinary and not without risk.

We will never forget the men and women from the El Faro's final voyage.

**Editor's Note: The Seafarers International Union have 17 missing members and the American Maritime Officers Union have 11 missing plus the 5 Polish crew.**

## Vancouver's Waterfront unites for the community

Three years ago the unions and companies on Vancouver's waterfront came together to launch a new partnership to support the community. Using our collective strength to multiply our impact on building strong communities and improving people's lives by supporting United Way, Waterfront employees have since raised almost \$1.2 million and we are about to launch their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of giving back to the community together.

Waterfront employees are helping ensure children grow up with hope for the future, that families feel a sense of belonging in their community, and that our neighbourhoods are safe and supportive places for everyone.

With the support of Waterfront United organizations and unions, United Way was able to invest almost \$9.7 million in 2013/14 to help children and youth get a great start in life and to grow up strong and healthy. The generosity of Waterfront United employees means the United Way School's Out initiative and Community schools partnership, which helped 52,000 children and provided access to after school programs helping kids with homework and to improve their social skills and physical health. We are part of the success of every child in these programs.

For more information on how supporting the United Way of the Lower Mainland and Waterfront United supports kids who need help the most, check out this [video](#).



## Academics slam Conservatives over 'inflammatory' campaign tactics 587 Canadian academics sign open letter criticizing 'ugly and dangerous' approach

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Hundreds of academics across Canada are condemning the "nasty" campaign tactics of the Conservative Party. In an [open letter published Friday](#) on the public affairs blog In Due Course, the group says it's concerned about "the ugly and dangerous turn we have recently witnessed in the election campaign."

"Increasingly, the Conservatives seem to have been opting for a particularly nasty form of 'wedge politics,'" the letter states.

"However, by injecting the inflammatory rhetoric of 'barbaric cultural practices' into the current campaign, the Conservative Party has flagrantly crossed the line."

The letter is signed by 587 Canadian academics.

Daniel Weinstock, a law professor at McGill University, was one of its authors and lead signatories.

"We think there's something very sinister in making those kinds of divisions between Canadians," he told CBC Montreal's *Daybreak* on Friday.

The Conservatives have made identity politics a key component of their campaign, especially in Quebec, where there is widespread support for a ban on niqabs during the citizenship ceremony.

Last week, the party also pledged that if re-elected, a Conservative government would establish [a tip line for reporting "barbaric cultural practices"](#) to the RCMP.

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## Online Voter Registration Service

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This online service works for the following address types only: **Civic** (for example, 123 Main Street), **Lot and Concession** (Ontario only), and **Section-Township-Range-Meridian**. If your address is of a different type, please contact us at **1-800-463-6868** for help with your voter registration.

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### Ways to vote

Away from home or busy on election day? Ready to vote early? You choose the way you want to vote.

- Vote on election day - Monday, October 19, 2015
- Vote on advance voting days - October 9, 10, 11 and 12
- Vote at one of 400 Elections Canada offices
- Vote by mail

To vote, you must be registered. [Check to see if you are registered.](#)

Vote on election day - Monday, October 19

#### Polls are open for 12 hours.

If you're registered, you will get a [voter information card by mail](#). It tells you when and where to vote. You should have received it by October 1. You can also use the online [Voter Information Service](#) to find out where to vote.

#### Vote on advance voting days

There are four advance voting days. Polls are open from noon to 8:00 p.m.

- Friday, October 9
- Saturday, October 10
- Sunday, October 11
- Monday, October 12

Your [voter information card](#) tells you the address of your advance polling place. You can also find it in the [Voter Information Service](#).

#### Vote at one of 400 Elections Canada offices

If you find it more convenient, you can vote at any Elections Canada office across Canada.

Visit the office before the deadline of Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. Offices are open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. Bring your proof of identity and address.

[Find the Elections Canada office nearest you.](#)

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From October 5 to 8, Elections Canada is [opening offices at several campuses, youth centres and Friendship Centres](#) to help make the voting process more accessible. Check the [list of where these offices will be located](#).

Vote by mail

If you will be travelling outside your riding, or if you find it more convenient, you can [vote by mail - apply now](#). Apply as soon as possible, to allow time for your voting kit to reach you and for your marked ballot to reach Elections Canada by election day.

The deadline to apply to vote by mail is Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time for anyone applying online

or sending their application to Elections Canada in Ottawa.

#### Want to vote by mail but can't apply online?

You can apply to vote by mail by visiting any Elections Canada office or mailing in an application form. Forms are available at any Elections Canada office or Canadian embassy, high commission or consulate, or by [calling us](#). (If you apply through a local Elections Canada office, the deadline to apply is Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. local time.)

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## LAST WEEK THIS MORNING WITH JOHN HORGAN



Fall is in the air and families are busy with the school year well underway. Many families were horrified to learn that three million confidential school records were loaded on an unencrypted hard drive, left in an unsecured warehouse and are now misplaced. As a parent I know how much private information can be in those records. It's alarming to think what could happen if those files fall into the wrong hands. There have been repeated warnings to the Clark government that they are failing to secure people's private information.

[Click here to read the full report.](#)

## 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 ILWU Canada President Mark Gordienko and the other through the ILWU Affiliate in Saskatchewan the Grain Services Union General Secretary Hugh Wagner.

[Click here for the weekly information package we receive from Westac, with links to many interesting articles that relate to transportation.](#)

#### News in Review - October 3 to October 9, 2015

- Numerous side deals to accompany final TPP trade agreement, say officials
- The global economy has the 7 year itch
- The world economy remains adrift in choppy waters
- Farmers the big winners in trade pact
- Power use, freight volume show positive change amid economic restructuring
- Strongest weapon to shift geopolitical balances isn't nukes, it's technology
- Global Shipping's 3-Year Overcapacity Crunch
- Buffett Builds Rail Superhighway to Grab Truck Freight
- Ready and Bell appointed to help oversee truckers' deal

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## Waterfront News

### Reminder

The Waterfront News is the newsletter produced by ILWU Canada and mailed to members several times per year. The Dispatcher is the newsletter produced by our International Union and is also mailed to members several times per year. ILWU Canada keeps an address database for both of these, but we only receive addresses from the Locals or the Members directly.



[Copies of past editions of the Waterfront News are available here.](#)

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You can also send us an e-mail at [communicate@ilwu.ca](mailto:communicate@ilwu.ca) or phone us at 604-254-8141 to update us.



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