



Welcome to the Jones Act Report

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the "Jones Act Report," a monthly newsletter prepared by the Maritime Cabotage Task Force ("MCTF"). The MCTF is the largest, broadest maritime organization ever established to work on a legislative issue – the protection of the American cabotage laws.

For the past decade, MCTF has served as the domestic maritime industry's voice in Washington, D.C. on a remarkably broad range of issues and activities related to the Jones Act and other cabotage laws. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with more regular information about "what's happening" with the Jones Act and other related laws.

If you have comments, questions or items for inclusion in the newsletter, or need to contact us for any other reason, you can reach us at either info@mctf.com or at (888) 400-9429. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to others you think would find it interesting.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip M. Grill". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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MCTF Launches New Web site

More detailed information about the Jones Act and related laws is available on the newly-designed MCTF Web site, which can be found at: www.mctf.com. The site contains a broad range of current and historical information about federal activities related to American cabotage laws.

In addition to the Web site, the MCTF maintains an extraordinarily comprehensive library of information about the Jones Act and other cabotage laws, with a special emphasis on the past decade. If you have a need for specific information, please contact Mark Ruge, Rolf Marshall or Darrell Conner, Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds LLP, counsel to the MCTF at (202) 628-1700.

MCTF Seeks Examples of Maritime Industry Assistance in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

The 2005 MCTF Annual Report will highlight ways that the American domestic shipping industry helped deal with the tragedies of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf of Mexico. We are currently gathering information and anecdotes about the many ways that companies, associations, unions, and others in the domestic maritime industry assisted in the recovery effort – from providing commercial shipping services to fundraising drives within companies.

Please send any information about the ways the U.S. maritime industry pitched in by January 31, 2006 to Glen Nekvasil, the MCTF's director of Media Relations, at info@mctf.com or (888) 400-9429.

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