

# SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from  
The Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr.

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Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.



## IS YOUR WORK STATUS SLIP UP TO SNUFF?



When you see your doctor for treatment for your maritime injury, make sure you get a proper work status slip. It must contain the nature of your ongoing treatment, return appointment date and what your duty status is. If you are not fit for duty it should say how long you will be not fit. If your doctor thinks you are capable of doing some work and places you on modified or light duty, it must state what your limitations are. If any of this information is missing, the employer may have reason not to pay your maintenance or compensation disability without further information.

## QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



*I was injured on a ship and have been treating with an orthopedist. The company was paying my maintenance but they didn't issue me a check last week. They said it was because the doctor didn't say why I was receiving treatment. Can they do this?*

*Paul N.  
Oakland, CA*

**Answer:**

Paul,

Unfortunately, yes. Ask your doctor to add what he is treating you for on the slip. You will have to re-submit the slip to the shipowner and ask them to bring you current on your maintenance. To avoid this in the future, check your duty status slip before you leave the doctor's office to make sure it has all of the required information.

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### About Our Law Firm

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When you retain Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. & Associates for a Jones Act injury claim, or personal injury claim, you don't get just one attorney, you get our entire team of dedicated professionals. Our attorneys offer more than 150 combined years of courtroom and negotiated claims settlement experience. We will represent your interests with unwavering dedication, speed and expertise.

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