

SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from
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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.



COVID-19 and SHIPOWNERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Hopefully, 2021 will see the decline and ultimate end of the COVID Pandemic. Shipowners owe their crew a safe and seaworthy vessel and the concepts and duties associated with maintenance and care, negligence under the Jones Act and unseaworthiness remain intact for US flag vessels. With increased vaccinations and safety protocols, maritime workers deserve expedited and efficient precautions and treatment. Singapore has recently given priority to maritime workers to combat the pandemic. [*Link to recent publication highlights*](#). All of your legal rights remain protected in spite of Republican efforts to insulate many businesses from any liability for COVID-19 related illnesses or injuries.



QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE

I work on ships and on docks and one of my supervisors told me that Congress will be passing a law that prevents any compensation for workers that become ill or die from COVID. Is there any truth to this claim?

Ismael, T. Galveston

ANSWER:

Ismael, rest assured at this time there is no such insulation from liability if COVID is transmitted to a worker. Either State or Federal worker's compensation care and benefits will apply, and in some situations the aggrieved party may be able to pursue a claim for negligence against the responsible party or parties. The Republicans were pushing insulation for a large class of manufacturers and employers but it has not come to fruition in the face of Democratic opposition.

About Our Law Firm

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harbor workers plying their trades at sea, on the docks, on our U.S. coastal waters and inland waterways have turned to the maritime law firm of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. & Associates in Oakland. Today, we are proud to be recognized as one of the preeminent maritime law firms serving injured marine workers nationwide, as well as one of the most successful personal injury litigation firms serving victims of negligence in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the West Coast.

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