

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.



REPORT YOUR INJURIES TIMELY

In the maritime industry on the job injuries are not uncommon. However, what is not so common is the timely reporting of these injuries. The delay in reporting your injury will only cause problems down the road in securing medical care, preserving evidence and perfecting a legitimate claim.

Shipowners are always suspect of crew members reporting injuries just before departing the vessel at the end of a voyage. This creates complications which can sometimes be very difficult to overcome. It is always good practice to timely report any injury, regardless of severity, even if it does not involve the need for shoreside medical care. Attempting to complete the voyage to simply secure pay through the end of the trip could prove penny-wise and dollar-foolish!



QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE

Question: I have been denied maintenance and cure after leaving the ship at the end of voyage although I did have an unreported injury for this problem a month earlier that I reported at the time of sign off. What can I do?

Benjamin D., Jacksonville, Fl

Answer: Benjamin, the problem is obviously related to the untimely report of your injury. To overcome this you will need witnesses to the event in question, if any exist, and a medical report that references this injury. Short of this, it will be an uphill battle. Your doctor can help by relating your symptoms to the type of accident or injury you reported to him. Next time, don't delay in reporting your injury!

For more than four decades, merchant mariners, longshoremen, fishermen and 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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