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Young Lawyers Committee

The Maritime Law Association of the United States

Message from the Chair

It’s hard to believe the fall MLA meeting has arrived. This year’s meeting will be held October 20 – 24, 2015 in Bermuda. I hope everyone who can has made plans to attend and that the men have packed their shorts and knee socks.

In addition to the many events and activities planned, there will be an opportunity to receive up to 12 hours of CLE credit, substantive committee meetings, a beach party on Thursday, the general business meeting, and the Friday night dinner dance. Of course, the highlight of the week will be the YLC’s CLE presentation on Thursday afternoon, following which we will have a committee business meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all YLC members who have volunteered for committee work since our last meeting. Since the May meeting, we have appointed several new liaisons to the standing committees. Recently, several members were appointed to the special committee on maritime cybersecurity. The contributions of our members are vital to the work of the Association. Thank you.

See you in Bermuda!

- Blythe Daly

YLC in Bermuda

The YLC will anchor Thursday’s CLE programs with a presentation on Hot Topics.

Thursday, October 22, 2015

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Mid-Ocean Amphitheatre

- Violation of *Uberrimae Fidei*: Void Ab Initio or Voidable?
by: **Alberto Castañer-Padró**
- West Coast Longshoreman Strike Synopsis, by: **Jennifer Porter**
- Maintenance & Cure Update,
by: **Aaron B. Greenbaum**
- E-Discovery, Facebook Shenanigans and Fraud, by: **Marissa Henderson**

Following the CLE presentation, the YLC will have a fall business meeting at the resort:

Thursday, October 22, 2015

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Gardenia I Room/Lobby

One topic to be discussed is a joint CLE with Young CMI in New York in May 2016. Please start brainstorming possible topics. There is no call-in option for the meeting.

While there are limited options for “off-campus” events in Bermuda, there will still be plenty of opportunities to taste the local spirits!

Fall Meeting Highlights

While the YLC CLE presentation and our business meeting will be “don’t miss” events, the following CLE’s and meetings may also be of particular interest:

- **Jones Act Citizenship – What Every Maritime Lawyer Needs to Know**

Thursday, October 22, 2015
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Mid-Ocean Amphitheatre

- **Insights From In House Counsel**

Friday, October 23, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Mid-Ocean Amphitheatre

- **International Organizations, Conventions and Standards**

Friday, October 23, 2015
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Rose Room

YLC Member **Kate Belmont** will present a Cybersecurity CLE.

- **Salvage**

Friday, October 23, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Orchid Room/Mezzanine

Twain Braden, author of *In Peril*, will give a 45-minute presentation.

Jed Powell will give a 20-minute presentation on treasure from the *Islander*.

Committee Liaison Program

The Committee Liaison Program assigns one YLC member to each of the MLA’s standing committees to serve as a liaison. The goal of the program is to increase the communication between the standing committees and the YLC. The hope is that increased communication will lead to opportunities for our members in those committees as well as increased utilization of the YLC for committee projects. Liaisons provide brief status reports at each YLC meeting pertaining to the work and projects of each standing committee.

A chart identifying the appointed liaisons is posted under the documents section of the YLC page on the MLA website. Let this serve as a reminder to our liaisons that the YLC is ready to work. Spread the word to your respective committees and please call on us when we can be of service.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve as a YLC liaison, please email the YLC Secretary, Imran Shaukat, at ishaukat@semmes.com. If you are currently a YLC liaison and have a project that needs help, please e-mail both Imran and me at blythe.daly@hklaw.com.

Recent Projects

At the request of **Chet Hooper** and **David Nourse**, the following YLC members assisted in proof-reading and cite checking the latest edition of the MLA Report: **Corey R. Greenwald**, **Patrick J.R. Ward**, **Jonathan B. Segarra**, **Stephanie Propsom**, and **Christine M. Walker**.

The Maritime Bankruptcy Committee finished a project last year regarding Global Marine Insolvency with the help of **John Bradley** and YLC liaison **Warren Gluck**.

Ongoing Projects

The Recreational Boating Committee publishes a spring newsletter entitled "Boating Briefs". The newsletter reports on cases involving recreational boats as well as legislative and regulatory developments specific to recreational boating, such as state legislation capping sales tax on yachts, state passage of the Model State Boat Titling Act, mandatory boat operator licensing or education, and new or amended Coast Guard regulations. The Committee requests that members of the YLC keep a lookout for these types of developments and cases and report them to the Committee. In addition, if a YLC member has been personally involved in a particularly interesting case involving recreational boating, there may be an opportunity for that member to make a brief presentation about the case at the Recreational Boating Committee meeting in the spring. If you have anything to report, please contact the chair of the Recreational Boating Committee, **Mark Buhler**, at mark.buhler@earthlink.net, or the YLC liaison, **Bo Williams**, at bo.williams@phelps.com

Peter Black, the YLC liaison to the Website and Technology Committee, advises us that the committee is in the process of establishing a LinkedIn page for the MLA. Watch for the page to go live and for opportunities to contribute to the same.

Jessica Martyn, the YLC liaison to the International Organizations, Conventions, and Standards Committee ("IOCS"), reports that the IOCS is in the planning stages of setting up a newsletter, which will be run by editors **Stephanie Penninger** and **Lindsay Sakal** who are both YLC members. If additional YLC members are interested in assisting, please contact Jessica at jmartyn@pbh.com.

Spring MLA Meeting

The 42nd conference of the Comité Maritime International will take place in New York May 3 – 6, 2016, and will coincide with the MLA Spring Meeting. This will be a unique opportunity for all members of the MLA to become more familiar with the work of the CMI and to meet international maritime lawyers. Many of the MLA standing committee meetings will be held in conjunction with the CMI standing committee meetings. In addition, joint social events will be planned throughout the week. Of note, Young CMI will be invited to join the YLC at our traditional social event and dinner on Thursday, May 5, 2016. Both Young CMI and the YLC will be making a CLE presentation on Friday afternoon, May 6, 2016. Planning is ongoing and we have reminded the planning committee that the YLC is a great resource.

Call for Projects

To the Standing Committees: Please let us know how we can help with your projects. If you have projects in need of research or have writing opportunities that are well-suited for younger lawyers, please keep our committee in mind. Additionally, we can usually find a YLC member to assist with staffing your meeting (handling CLE paperwork, sign-in sheets, handouts, and assisting with presentation set up, etc.), if and when the need arises.

Publication Opportunities

Do you have any war stories from your practice that you wish to share with others? Do you think you have a sense of humor? Consider submitting your written piece for consideration to **Benedict's Quarterly Maritime Bulletin**. You may write to

Managing Editor **Joshua S. Force** at
jforce@shergarner.com.

Proctor Status

Any Associate member of the MLA who has been a member of the MLA for four years or more is eligible to apply for Proctor status with the MLA. The advantages of Proctor status are numerous, not the least of which is that a member cannot serve as a committee chair, vice-chair, or director unless s/he is a Proctor or Non-Lawyer member. Proctor applications may be obtained from the MLA Membership Secretary or may be downloaded from the MLA website (www.mlaus.org).

YLC Membership List on Website

If you are not already signed up as a member of the YLC on the MLA website, please make sure you do so. In addition, please review your email and notification settings on the website. We use the membership list on the website as a vehicle for communicating with our members. We have reason to believe that some of our young lawyers are not registered as YLC members or may have restrictive notification settings and thus do not receive our communications. If you know anyone that might fall into this category, please pass this along and encourage them to formally join the committee and to check their settings. Conversely, if you are no longer a YLC member and are tired of our shenanigans, feel free to unsubscribe.

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