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The Maritime Law Association of the United States

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### Message from the Chair

*“Sell not virtue to purchase wealth, nor Liberty to purchase power.”*

Benjamin Franklin  
*Poor Richard’s Almanack* (1738)

Just a bit of early Ben Franklin to get you in the spirit, as we approach the start of the fall MLA meeting in Philadelphia, which runs from Wednesday, October 22 to Friday, October 24. I hope everyone who can has made plans to attend.

On Thursday night following the cocktail party at the The Benjamin Franklin Institute, we will meet for a YLC dinner beginning at 8:15 p.m. at Tinto, a nearby restaurant (details in this newsletter). The YLC will not hold a formal committee meeting in Philadelphia, but I encourage all YLC members to attend any committee meetings that might interest you. A few of particular interest to the YLC are noted elsewhere in this newsletter.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all of you who have volunteered for committee work since our last meeting. You truly are the life-blood of this committee.

If you have a question or suggestion, please do not hesitate to contact me.

See you in Philly!

- Norman Stockman

### YLC Fall Social Event

The YLC will meet for dinner in Philadelphia on Thursday, October 23 at Tinto beginning at 8:15 p.m. Details are below.

Many thanks to **Dan Wooster** for planning and coordinating what promises to be a great event.

WHERE: Tinto  
114 S. 20th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
<http://philadelphia.tintorestaurant.com/>

WHEN: Thursday, October 23, 2014  
8:15 p.m. (immediately after the MLA cocktail reception)

COST: \$70 per person (includes food, tax, and tip).

Please pay in cash at the dinner.

A cash bar will be available.

From the cocktail reception at the Franklin Institute, the restaurant is a 10-minute walk south on 20th Street.

If you plan to attend, please contact one of the following:

Norman Stockman  
(251) 694-6352  
nstockman@handarendall.com

or

Dan Wooster  
(215) 327-3377  
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A flyer is available on the MLA website and was distributed by email to the YLC. The flyer includes a dinner invoice.

### **YLC Opportunities at the Fall Meeting**

While the YLC will not hold a formal meeting in Philadelphia, YLC members are encouraged to attend any committee meetings of interest. Two committees, Vessel Regulation and International Organizations, will address matters that may be of particular interest to YLC members, as described below.

#### **Vessel Regulation CLE on Suspension and Revocation Hearings:**

The MLA Committee on Regulation of Vessel Operations, Safety, Security, and Navigation will sponsor a one-hour CLE entitled: "Everything You Wanted to Know about USCG Suspension and Revocation Representation in Sixty Minutes" on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 3:45 pm in the offices of BlankRome LLP, One Logan Square, 130 North 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-6998. The CLE will be presented in conjunction with the joint meeting of the Committees on Marine Ecology, Government Counsel, and Regulation of Vessel Operations which will begin at 2:00 pm.

The CLE will feature information about the merchant mariner license/document suspension and revocation process from the Chief, Office of Investigations for USCG Sector Delaware Bay, the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the United

States Coast Guard Walt Brudzinski and Allen Black, an experienced private practitioner from the firm of Winston & Strawn LLP. The program will be structured around a common fact pattern which will highlight the most important aspects of effective representation in a fast-paced format intended to maximize the flow of information in a short time period. CLE-approval pending.

If suspension and revocation proceedings are part of your practice, or you are considering venturing into this representation, this CLE program is a "must see."

To get on the list at security for access to the building, please contact Marie Hagan at Blank Rome whose email address is [hagan@blankrome.com](mailto:hagan@blankrome.com).

Please note that you are not required to attend the entire committee meeting, but if you do choose to attend only the CLE, still be sure to contact Marie Hagan to get on the list at security and be considerate of the committee if the meeting is ongoing when you arrive.

#### **International Organizations Newsletter:**

Phillip Buhler, Chair of the International Organizations Committee, would like to start a bi-annual IO Committee newsletter. He invites all interested Young Lawyer Committee members to attend the IO meeting (or to call in if they are not attending in person) to discuss contributing to the newsletter.

The International Organizations Committee will meet on Thursday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m. at Blank Rome, One Logan Square, 130 North 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. If you plan to attend or need the

call-in information, or if you have questions about the newsletter project, please contact Jessica Martyn directly at [jmartyn@pbh.com](mailto:jmartyn@pbh.com).

### **Committee Liaison Program**

The Committee Liaison Program is progressing nicely. The program assigns one YLC member to each of the MLA's standing committees to serve as a liaison. The goal of this program is to increase the communication between the standing committees and the YLC, which we hope will lead to opportunities for our members in those committees as well as increasing the utilization of the YLC for committee projects. Additionally, liaisons provide a brief status report at each YLC Spring meeting pertaining to the work of each standing committee.

A chart identifying the appointed liaisons is posted on the YLC page of the MLA website for everyone's reference. 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 have questions about the YLC liaison program, please email YLC Secretary Jennifer Porter at [Jennifer.Porter@kyl.com](mailto:Jennifer.Porter@kyl.com). If you are currently a YLC liaison and have a project that needs help, please e-mail me at [nstockman@handarendall.com](mailto:nstockman@handarendall.com).

### **New and Ongoing Projects**

#### **MLA Amicus Brief Project** –

The YLC is assisting in compiling for the MLA website all of the *amicus curiae* briefs filed by the MLA over the years. **Ben Segarra** is heading up this effort on behalf of the YLC, with the assistance of **Marissa**

**Henderson, Imran Shaukat, and Eric Thiel**. The project is nearing completion. We had more volunteers than likely necessary for the project, and I want to thank everyone who responded to our call for help.

### **Recent Projects**

At the request of **Katharine Newman**, Chair of the Marine Ecology and Maritime Criminal Law Committee, the YLC was asked to assist in preparing summaries to include in their fall newsletter *Bilge & Barratry*. Many thanks to the following individuals who assisted in preparing the latest edition of the newsletter: **Adi Ferchmin, Alex Gruft, Scott Gunst, Becky Hamra, Patricia O'Neill, John C. Scarborough, Jr., Brendan Sullivan, and Christine Walker**.

At the request of **Chet Hooper** and **David Nourse**, YLC members **Ben Segarra** and **Rick Beaumont** assisted in proofreading the MLA Report prior to publication.

### **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](mailto: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 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](http://www.mlaus.org)) in the "Membership Forms" section.

### **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. We use the membership list on the website as a vehicle for communicating with our members. In this regard, we have reason to believe that some of our young lawyers are not registered as YLC members 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 via the website so they can stay in the loop. Conversely, if you are no longer a YLC member and are tired of our shenanigans, feel free to unsubscribe.

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