

JULY 17, 1973

THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES

FALL MEETING 1974

ACAPULCO, MEXICO

October 29-November 3, 1974

As you know, the Fall Meeting of the Association next year will be held at the Acapulco Princess Hotel, Acapulco, Mexico. This hotel is under the same ownership and management as the Southampton Princess in Bermuda, where we had our highly successful 1972 Fall Meeting. The Acapulco Princess has 777 rooms of which we have reserved 500, including 100 reserved for early arrivals. Parlors are also available. Rates will be \$59.00 for a double room and \$42.50 for a single, including breakfast and dinner. In addition, there will be a charge of \$3.50 per person per day to cover gratuities. Adding in the room tax and the airport—hotel round-trip transportation, the basic hotel cost of the five days in Acapulco will be less than \$175.00 per person double occupancy. A registration fee of not more than \$60.00 per member will be charged by the association to help defray the cost of the meeting.

The schedule calls for arrival in Acapulco on Tuesday, October 29, and departure on Sunday, November 3. Taking advantage of the Veterans Day Holiday on Monday, October 28, American Airlines, which is handling air travel arrangements, has put together an attractive optional package which provides for arrival at Mexico City from any point of origin on Saturday, October 26, with three nights at a deluxe hotel and transfer to Acapulco on Tuesday, October 29. The additional cost of the Mexico City hotel and travel to Acapulco will be about \$100.00 per person. The Committee will not arrange any post-meeting tours.

Charter flights will be arranged from New York and probably from San Francisco-Los Angeles and possibly from other areas, depending on the demand. The round trip charter fare from New York, for example, will be about \$170.00 as compared with \$319.00 for regular economy class. Fare-savings of up to 25% can be achieved by groups of fifteen persons traveling together on regular commercial flights.

Seminars on subjects of maritime interest will be held on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 A. M. to 11 A. M. The business meeting of the Association will be held on Friday at 9 A. M. Cocktail parties will be given each evening and a dinner dance on Friday. No formal activities are scheduled for Saturday. There will be a tennis tournament and a golf tournament, but opportunities for less strenuous activities abound at the hotel and in Acapulco.

We have appointed as official travel agent, Travel Consultants, Inc., which specializes in large groups at "off-shore" meetings, e.g., the American Bar Association. It maintains a permanent staff in Mexico. Travel Consultants will coordinate all hotel, transportation and other arrangements. Late this year you will receive a brochure prepared by them containing full details of the Meeting and a registration form.

Meanwhile, we must have a preliminary indication of intention from the members of the Association so that we can plan transportation and other features of the trip. *Therefore, please return the enclosed postcard as soon as possible, but not later than August 20, 1973. It is not a commitment, but it is an essential planning tool for the Committee.*

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