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Free Maritime Injury Law Guide Now Available!

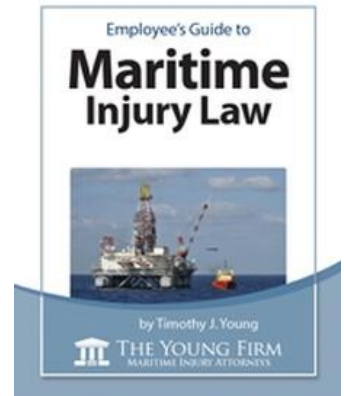
Do you know a friend or family member who works offshore? Have people in your neighborhood asked you questions about maritime law? Our office is proud to offer a Free guide to Maritime Injury law. We will gladly send you or anyone else you think may like the book a copy. This book addresses many common questions including: what is the Jones Act? How will the company defend my claim? How will I get medical treatment if I am hurt?

After helping injured offshore workers for many, many years, it was finally time to prepare a book to answer questions that we are asked time and again. All offshore oil companies and marine companies have experi-

enced lawyers and these companies know their rights.

We believe that anyone working offshore or on the river should know their rights before an accident happens. Many of our clients know how hard it can be to prove their case unless they know their rights. This book can help educate the people you know working offshore about their rights.

Call today to get a Free copy sent to you. Or, you can go to our new website at www.JonesActLaw.com and complete a short order form. Be sure to direct your friends and family members to this site for their FREE copy of the Maritime Injury Law Guide!



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Scammers want your CVV number

Here's how thieves try to get that secret three-digit number on the back of your credit card. (American Express has a four-digit number.)

The callers have already obtained your credit card number somehow. Then they call claiming that your card was flagged by security because of an unusual purchase.

When you deny making the purchase, a very official-

sounding voice assures you that a credit will appear on your next statement.

At this point, the caller asks you to provide the three-digit number on the back of the card to show that it is in your possession. Or, they may give you a fake telephone number to call, where you will be asked to give the number.

Once they have it, they can charge anything in any amount

up to your credit limit from any vendor and they will not be questioned.

No matter how official a caller sounds, never give out the CVV (Card Verification Value) number. Some card companies call it the DVV2 or DVD2. American Express calls it the CID.

A credit card company will never ask you for it.



News From Our Office....

We have officially launched a new website dedicated to maritime and Jones Act law. The address for the site is www.JonesActLaw.com. The technology behind the site is very cool, and it lets us create new pages for the site. This allows us to post lots of information on the site including answers to many common questions that we have been asked again and again. Please take a look and let us know what you think!

We have also published our first book on Maritime Injury Law. This was an exciting and rewarding experience. Sometimes it is hard to answer all the questions our clients have regarding their maritime rights, so the book will help in this regard.

In addition to the full size book, we also now have a downloadable 'pamphlet' online at our website. This item quickly covers some basic issues of a maritime claim including medical treatment, the recorded statement and video surveillance.

Jazz Fest just finished up here in New Orleans. Many of us from the office spent several days at the festival. The attendance was better than expected and the weather was perfect for most of the 7 days of the festival.

As always, if anyone you know needs help with a maritime or other legal issue, please keep our office in mind!

Yankees' new stadium has high tech to the max

Both the Yankees and the Mets have moved into great new stadiums designed by HOK Sport Venue Event of Kansas City.

The Yankees' new \$1.3 billion park begins with a front view that is reminiscent of their original stadium built in 1923. It has the same vaulted arches and stone facade. The main entry is still Gate 4, guarded by golden eagles, and the seats are the same color of blue.

One area where the New York teams didn't go retro is technology. HOK Sport senior principal, Earl Santee, says the new Citi Field stadium is the most technologically advanced ballpark he's ever worked on. It's

full of high-tech stuff including:

- * A 59-foot-by-101-foot scoreboard. It's massive.
- * More than 550 LCD screens throughout the park, so fans can see the game while walking around.
- * Numerous entertainment centers with PlayStation 3s for kids (or adults) who get bored with the game.
- * There are computer kiosks throughout the park so fans can check stats.
- * In luxury boxes, fans order food delivery on touch-screen phones.

Citi Field has fewer seats than its predecessor but plans to get more income from each fan. Its four restaurants can seat 3,100. The Team Store is 4,600 square feet larger than before.

In the future, beginning with the park the Florida Marlins want to build, HOK says ballparks will be more connected to the community. They will have offices, retail stores and residential units.

Instead of being closed much of the time, architects predict that ballparks of the future will be hubs of activity throughout the year.

Summer solstice, June 21: the longest day and the North's midnight sun

Thanks to Daylight Saving Time, more of your waking hours will be in daylight on Sunday, June 21. The sun shines until about 8:30 p.m. on the longest day of the year.

June 21 is the day of the summer solstice, the time of the midnight sun in northern climes. Nome, Alaska celebrates its Midnight Sun Festival on June 20-21 with 22 hours of sun-filled entertainment. Some visitors find it difficult to sleep in the sunshine.

During the building of the 800-mile Alaskan Pipeline, workers had to be told to stop working and get some rest, even though the sun was still shining.

In some parts of Norway, there is no sunset at all from about April 19 to August 23. Parts of Canada, Greenland, Sweden, Finland and Russia have a similar experience.

The word solstice comes from the Latin for "sun stands still." For several days before and after each solstice, the sun appears to stand still in the sky. Its noontime elevation

does not seem to change.

At the north and south poles, the sun only rises once and sets once each year. During the six months when the sun is visible, it constantly moves around the horizon and reaches its highest point in the sky at the summer solstice.

In the six-month polar night, the sun is never visible.

Mortgage interest is lowest since 1990

Low interest rates have set off a race among homeowners to refinance, and the low interest rates are increasingly nudging undecided buyers to finalize their purchase of a home.

In the week ending March 20, loan terms for 30-year, fixed rate mortgages fell to an average of 4.63 percent, the mortgage Bankers Association reports. Up to that point, it was the lowest rate in the history of the survey, which began in 1990.

Mortgage applications were up 20 percent in that week over

their year ago level.

In addition to mortgage deals, attractive prices on homes and foreclosed homes are drawing new buyers into the marketplace. Up to 45 percent of existing home sales were distressed properties in this same week.

Individuals looking for a safer place to invest are making real estate deals, which also increased the number of mortgage applications.

Refinancing

Refinancing of present mortgage loans accounted for 78.5

percent of all mortgage applications in that particular week.

Real estate agents, mortgage brokers and lenders are busy. Some lenders are sweetening the deals in order to move properties with such offers as a "no points" closing.

Government loan modification plans are also causing homeowners to refinance. In most cases, they should have the aid of a professional to assist them in deciding which program would be best for them.



David Allen's GTD method still works

It was 2001 when David Allen wrote Getting Things Done: (GTD) The Art of Stress-Free Productivity. Since then, it has been translated into 30 languages and is the basis of his \$8 million time-management empire.

For a mere \$595, you could attend one of his seminars on the subject, but to save you some time and money, we

will give you his four basic instructions:

1. Write it down. Write everything down that is floating about your mind, from little things to big projects, before processing it into a set of lists.

2. Break it out. Many to-do lists contain complex projects that don't let you know how to start or continue. Make lists of steps or "next actions"

instead.

3. Do it now. Any task that can be done in two minutes should be done immediately.

4. File it away. A good filing system for paper and email is essential. It isn't easy to follow a system, but everything will stack up if you don't.

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Dirty magazines

A Marine husband called home to tell his wife he would be late. He said dirty magazines had been discovered in the platoon's quarters and they had to discipline the whole squad. She launched into a tirade, arguing that many men had pictures hanging in their quarters at their previous post, so his new platoon should not be penalized for something so trivial.

The husband calmly listened to her gripes and then explained, "Dirty magazines: The clips from their rifles had not been cleaned."

What guys really mean

"It's a guy thing:" There's no rational thought connected with it.

"OK" or "Sure, Honey:" Means nothing. It's a conditioned response.

"It would take too long to explain." He has no idea how it works.

"You look terrific." He doesn't want her to try on another outfit.



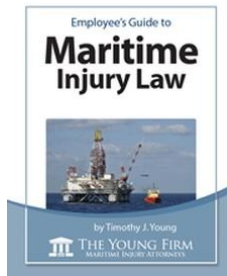
"How do you send text messages?"



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May Horoscope

ARIES: Use your ability to generate new ideas when you are working on a project or being confronted with a problem. If you are momentarily stymied, stop. Let your idea develop.

TAURUS: More and more, it seems that others look to you for information and help in making decisions. Don't just blow them off. Though it can be an interruption, take their requests seriously.

GEMINI: A situation at home dominates your off-duty hours. But come on, it's not that serious. Go ahead and paint it that color. And yes, you can afford that new chair. Stimulate the economy. The stars approve.

CANCER: You may not be a verbally talented person, but make conversation. Keep it going. It's not that difficult if you take an interest in who you are talking to and what the two of you are talking about.

LEO: You'll get the lion's share of attention if you can come up with new and pertinent information. At this point, somebody has to do it, and you know that it should be you.

VIRGO: If you forgot about Mothers Day, do something about it. Pick up your phone and call. If you did do something for your mom on her day, call anyway. You'll never know how important that call will be.

LIBRA: Your sign indicates that you should be having a balanced life with time for work and home. If either of these areas is being neglected, do something before problems develop.

SCORPIO: Use the clarity of the early morning as a time to determine what's important and what could be put on the back burner. Determine what your main goal will be and work toward that.

SAGITTARIUS: No one is skillful in every area of work or life. Accept that

you might have limitations in one situation or another and let someone else carry it forward. There's no harm in that.

CAPRICORN: It's a beautiful thing when your creativity and energy come together at the same time. You'll know when it's happening. But even then, the key to progress is to focus on one thing, then another.

AQUARIUS: It's time to put yourself first. It has to happen now so don't put it off. Mainly, it's a matter of health. Take yourself in hand, get checked out by a doctor, schedule exercise, and try to eat healthier stuff.

PISCES: Nice weather and the call of the road are making you think about taking a trip. It's not spring fever but something more basic, the need to take time off. Rest your mind and body.