

What is the Jones Act & How it Helps

10 Key Points Regarding the Jones Act

1. The Jones Act is a Federal Statute found at 46 U.S.C. § 30104.
2. It **only applies to an injured seaman**.
3. It allows you to collect compensation for your injuries.
4. It allows you to **file a claim against your employer** for their contribution of your accident.
5. It **covers your medical and living expenses** while you're injured.
6. You can collect far more under the Jones Act than under Worker's Comp.
7. **It's fault-based.** Both you and your employer can contribute to your injury at different percentages. This will be deducted from the overall settlement.
8. Without medical tests, experts, and other important documents, you won't be able to prove your case.
9. You can **collect all of your damages at once** if your case settles.
10. The Jones Act holds employers to a certain standard of safety.



Does the Jones Act Apply to You?

When trying to figure out if you're entitled to the benefits of the Jones Act, you'll have to be able to answer the following:

- Did you spend 30% or more of your time more or less permanently assigned to a vessel?
- Were you assigned to any of the following vessels: crew boats, supply boats, oil rigs, jack-up, oil rigs, semi-submersible oil rigs, dredges, or floating barges?
- Were you working in the industry at the time of your accident?



Should You Try to Settle Your Injury on Your Own?

Short Answer -- No...Probably Not.

- Maritime injury cases are complicated and require a lot of funding.
- **The company adjuster knows all the tricks to get the best deal.**
- You run the risk of not getting enough money to cover your injury.

