

# ON THE Horizon

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## Client Spotlight: Peace of Mind After Severe Offshore Burn Accident

A few years ago, our client Jeremy was severely burned offshore while working out in the Gulf of Mexico when a steam valve blew out. He suffered 2nd and 3rd-degree burns and a large part of his body (including his chest, arms, and legs) was burned and required multiple skin graft surgeries. The doctors told him he would never be able to return offshore to the work that he loved.

Despite reservations, he called The Young Firm to better understand his options. With the hard work of our legal team, we were able to get Jeremy a settlement that he was more than happy with. The companies tried to blame Jeremy for what happened to him, but we did not back down from fully supporting him and his case. With his settlement, he'll be able to live out

the rest of his life worry-free and spend more time with his family. Though his injuries will always give him problems, he's able to lead a relatively healthy and happy life because of the settlement he won.

Unfortunately, burn injuries can be quite common with offshore work and can severely impact someone's quality of life. Jeremy was able to safeguard his future by pursuing a maritime injury claim. No one wants to go to court against their employer, however, when you suffer injuries so severe that you have millions of dollars in medical costs, sometimes that's the only option that makes sense.



### QUICK CASE FACTS:

Settlement Amount: \$5 Million+  
Claim Type: Jones Act Claim  
Injury Type: Burn Injury  
Age: 32  
Job Position: QMED Oiler  
Accident Location: Gulf of Mexico  
Vessel Type: Oil Rig  
Company: Confidential

*“You have helped my family; you've helped me through this who situation. You stood up for me, you stood up to the companies. You stood up to the other lawyers, which was a pretty big team to me. I've never experiencing this sort of situation, I'm very grateful, and I do appreciate everything.”*

### AROUND THE OFFICE



#### CONGRATULATIONS, LISE!

Last month, Lise and her fiancé Kenny officially tied the knot in an intimate ceremony in the French Quarter. After celebrating with their close family, some coworkers met up with them to help celebrate such a special occasion. We couldn't be happier for these two lovebirds!

#### TEAM MOM

Rebecca always has a busy year with her daughter being on a travel volleyball team, but this past



season has been exceptionally busy for her since she also volunteers as team mom. The players honored her at a recent tournament with her very own winner's medal!



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### THE YOUNG FIRM VALUES

*Our team is knowledgeable, honest and professional while guiding our clients through their difficult journey. Our goal is compassion.*



This is the official Values Statement of The Young Firm. Our Values Statement tells you what we do, for you, and how we do it. Each of us have a plaque on our desks as a reminder of the promise we have made to and for each and every one of our clients.

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### WANT TO HAVE YOUR CLASS PAID FOR?

Visit [www.MarineAward.com](http://www.MarineAward.com) to find out more info on our scholarship program and to apply today - we award six times throughout the year!

### PROTECT YOURSELF

## Dangers at Sea - Protect Yourself in Heavy Weather

Working at sea is hazardous. Of course, the most life-threatening hazard to seamen is shipwreck or sinking, but fortunately, big accidents like Deepwater are rare. Still every day, there are endless ways that a seaman can be injured.

The following are 10 ways to prepare for boating in heavy weather:

- ensure anyone going on deck is wearing a safety harness;
- make sure the crew knows ahead of time what to do in the event of extreme weather;
- ensure life raft is ready for deployment;
- make sure all hatches are secure, and windows and ports are closed;
- note your position and plot it on a chart, along with your time and speed;
- keep pump bilges dry;
- secure any loose items or gear below and above deck;
- if possible, make plans on how you'll alter your course to sheltered waters;
- make sure emergency equipment is ready (signaling device, bailers, first aid, hand pumps, etc.); and
- if weather is severe, review your abandon ship procedures.



### MARCH MAPS WINNERS

## We're paying for their education!

Why spend your own money on merchant marine training, when you could get most or all of it **PAID FOR?**

That's exactly

what we do for many deserving mariners with our MAPS program! The Marine Award Program for Seamen (MAPS) is a need and merit-based award program that gives seamen the opportunity to have the cost of their training covered at four facilities either in full or partially, depending on the desired training course.

This past month we had over 40 applications submitted (which is a record!) and had a hard time, but ultimately narrowed it down to **THREE** new MAPS scholarship winners:

#### SEAN O.

an AB from Gulfport, MS

#### CARLOS R.

a Captain from Montegut, LA

#### RICKY B.

a Mate from Tilatoba, MS

**MAPS** MARINE AWARD PROGRAM FOR SEAMEN  
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We had many qualified candidates apply this month, and love see so many in the industry aim to better their future through education. There were some great applicants we had to turn down, so please remember to reapply next time. Congratulations again to our March 2018 winners!



# CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

*“ Thank you guys so much for all you do. I don't know where or what we would do without y'all. You all have been so wonderful to me and my family. ”*

— Joseph D.,  
The Young Firm client



Attorney Tim Young with former client Lee K. and his wife Ashley, (top) and former client Jade D. (bottom). Congrats again on your recent settlements!

## THE BIGGEST COMPLIMENT

Remember - the world moves with introductions! Assuming you think we've done a fantastic job helping to move things for you, please be sure to pass on our name to anyone who may be struggling with a maritime injury. We'd love to help them, too!

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

# LA Strawberry Margaritas

One of the best parts of living in Louisiana is all the festivals! April is the kickoff of festival and strawberry season, with Strawberry Festival in Pontchatoula. Here's a fun adult friendly recipe to help you celebrate both of these events, while cooling off in this heat.



## INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill a blender with ice and crush. Pour in the tequila and triple sec. Add the strawberries and limeade. Blend for 30 seconds or until smooth. Serve in margarita glasses with the rims dipped in powdered sugar.

## INGREDIENTS:

- 6 fluid ounces tequila
- 2 fluid ounces triple sec
- 8 ounces frozen sliced strawberries in syrup
- 4 fluid ounces frozen limeade concentrate

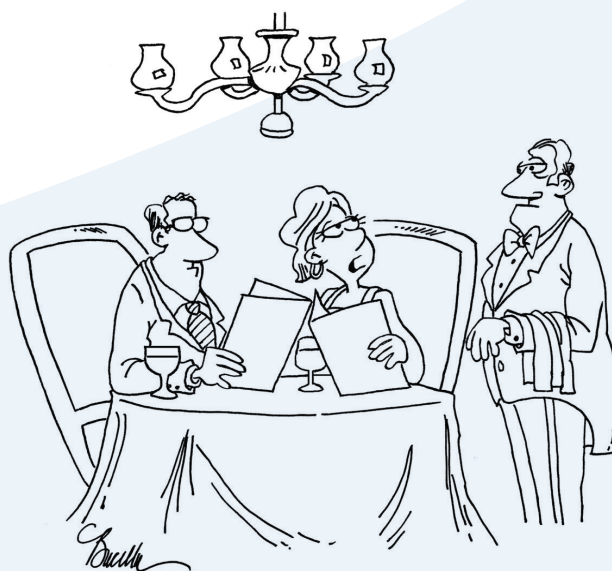
## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

*A bicycle can't stand alone because it is two-tired.*

*What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).*

*Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.*

*The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.*



*"Can you suggest something that will photograph well for a Facebook posting?"*



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## HOROSCOPE • APRIL 2018



**ARIES:** Take your bows, Aries. You've been center stage for quite a while. Now it's time to take your seat. By the end of the month, your leadership will be in demand again.



**TAURUS:** Stand up straight and throw your shoulders back! Adopt a posture of strength to address the bumps in the road this month. But remember they are just bumps.



**GEMINI:** This month give yourself the same tender loving care you give your kids or your cat. Take a break. Get a treat. Take your medicine.



**CANCER:** Adopt a sympathetic attitude this month as you work and play with others. Everyone has their struggles. Look beyond yours to get inspiration.



**LEO:** Make sure you are cultivating friends that actually care about your success. Some do; some don't. Find the ones who do care for you and care for them back.



**VIRGO:** Time to ask yourself what you want to accomplish in the next two years. You'll have some forks in the road coming up. If you know where you are going, you'll know which path to take.



**LIBRA:** The second full moon of the month on the 30th brings a repeat of a task or situation you have come to think of as difficult. Start thinking of the situation as meaningful.



**SCORPIO:** The New Moon on the 16th might be barely visible, but that's the time to turn the lights on. Plan for something fun at mid-month. It will take you far.



**SAGITTARIUS:** A personal dispute may seem threatening to your peace of mind. Consider honestly what you have done to contribute to the problem. You can only change yourself.



**CAPRICORN:** April opens with holiday, family and some fun. Let this carry you through the month as you consider how best to make every day more festive.



**AQUARIUS:** A little romance is in the air for April. It might be a connection with your loved one or it might be a feeling of awe at nature.



**PISCES:** You can, to some extent, choose your destination. As April dawns, start thinking of what you can do to be stronger and healthier so you can get where you want to go.