

Staff Profile: Sandi Vidulich, Employee Services Dept.



Sandi joined the BCMEA on September 19, 1994. She works in our Employee Services department managing staff benefits, as well as administering weekly indemnity and long term disability benefits for the longshoremen and foremen.

Before the BCMEA, Sandi was a stay at home Mom until 1983 when she joined Pacific Press. At Pacific Press,

her duties were also administering weekly indemnity and long term disability benefits.

What you may not know about Sandi - she lives on a 45' Gulf Commander at her family marina in Ladner. The challenge of gardening on the "dyke" keeps her on her toes. Living on the water is something she really enjoys, though there are many challenges weather-wise. Her biggest achievement, "Living on board for 13 years and still married, now that's an accomplishment" Sandi tells us.

Outside of work Sandi has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 43 years, and has served on all executive positions.

As Sandi leaves us for a lovely retirement, she plans to do a lot of cruising and exploring this beautiful coast. Perhaps, the Gulf Islands will become home one day.

BCMEA Bulletin: A Fresh New Look

Welcome to the start of a new communications era at the BCMEA. With the industry changes, global economic roller coaster and 2010 Olympics on the horizon, we felt the need to open our doors to you, our readers.

We want you to know what it is that the BCMEA does and who the people are behind the company. We want to communicate what is important to us and what is affecting the maritime industry.

As in the past, the BCMEA Bulletin will be sent out on Tuesdays. The first Tuesday of each month will be a larger monthly format, containing monthly statistics and larger editorial pieces. We look forward to building this publication with your feedback and support and to working together with our readers.

BCMEA in the News

The Vancouver Sun

On July 8th, the Vancouver Sun visited our Vancouver Dispatch Office, researching the effect of the economic downturn on the ILWU workforce.

The newspaper also had the opportunity to learn about the advantages and disadvantages of the centralized dispatch system.

NorthWest Corridor

In the August edition of the NorthWest Corridor, a two-page "closeup" will be published about the BCMEA.



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BCMEA Community Involvement:

Opening the Gateway to Opportunities for First Nations and Industry Forum

On June 11th, John Beckett (VP - Training, Safety & Recruitment) was a speaker at the Forum hosted by Port Metro Vancouver. The Forum was the first large-scale meeting to identify supply sector partnerships between First Nations and industry (port, rail, air and ground shipping) in BC's lower mainland.

Charity Golf Tournaments attended by BCMEA Staff:

June 18th Inner Vision Golf Tournament, Pitt Meadows

June 19th Vancouver Grain Exchange Golf Tournament, Richmond



BCMEA Hawaiian BBQ

On July 10th, the BCMEA hosted a Hawaiian BBQ in front of 349 Railway Street, with the BCMEA's Executive staff manning the grills.

Donations collected went to Mission Possible.

The next BCMEA BBQ is scheduled for July 31st.



(Photos: Top right - Claire Goco, Labour Relations Dept. Right - Greg Vurdela, Div Lavingia, Mike Leonard and Andy Smith at the grills)

Industry Calendar of Events:

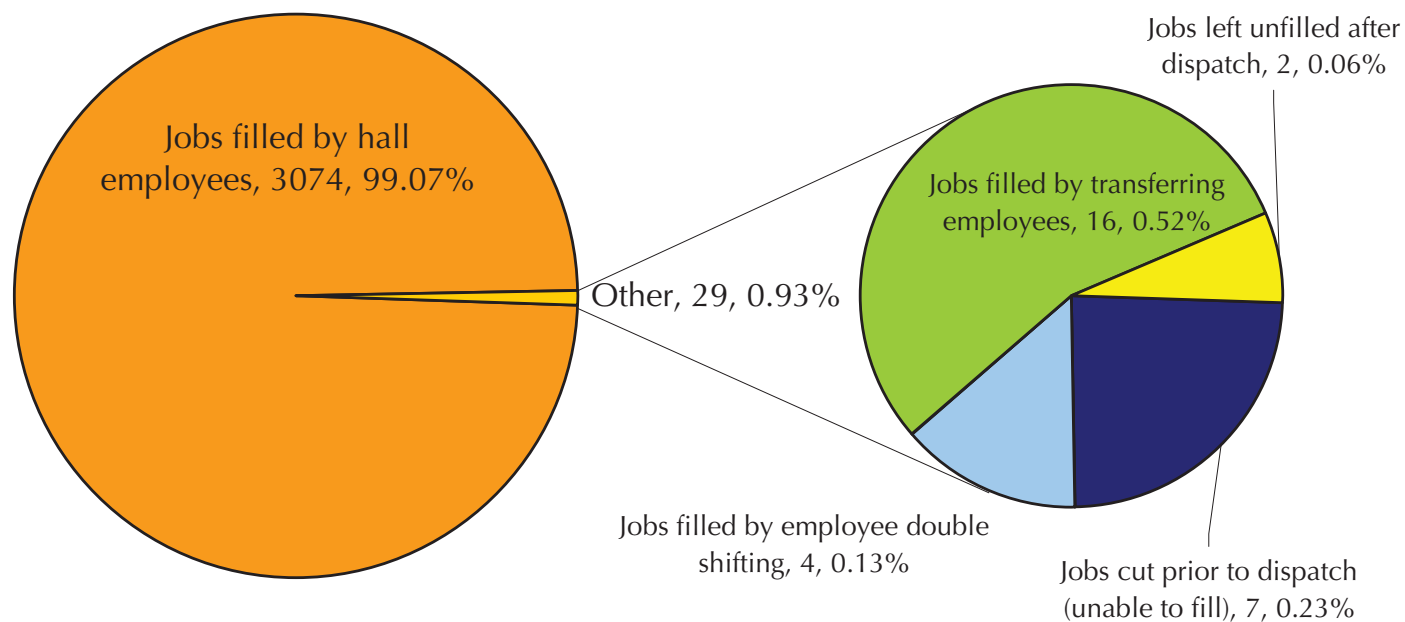
July 15	Local 502 Golf Tournament Kings Links by the Sea, Delta, BC
July 16	ILWU Local 500 Annual Pensioners' Picnic New Brighton Park, Vancouver, BC
August 13	ILWU Local 514 Children's Fundraiser Golf Tournament Burnaby Mountain Golf Course, Burnaby, BC
August 13	Vancouver Transportation Club Golf Tournament Greenacres Golf Club, Richmond, BC
August 16	Vancouver Women's Transportation Club Golf Tournament
August 21-23	Richmond Maritime Festival Britannia Shipyard National Historic Site
August 23-26	Association Canadian Port Authorities Annual Conference Prince Rupert, BC
August 23-26	4th Annual Canada Maritime Conference Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, BC

Dispatch Shortage Statistics:

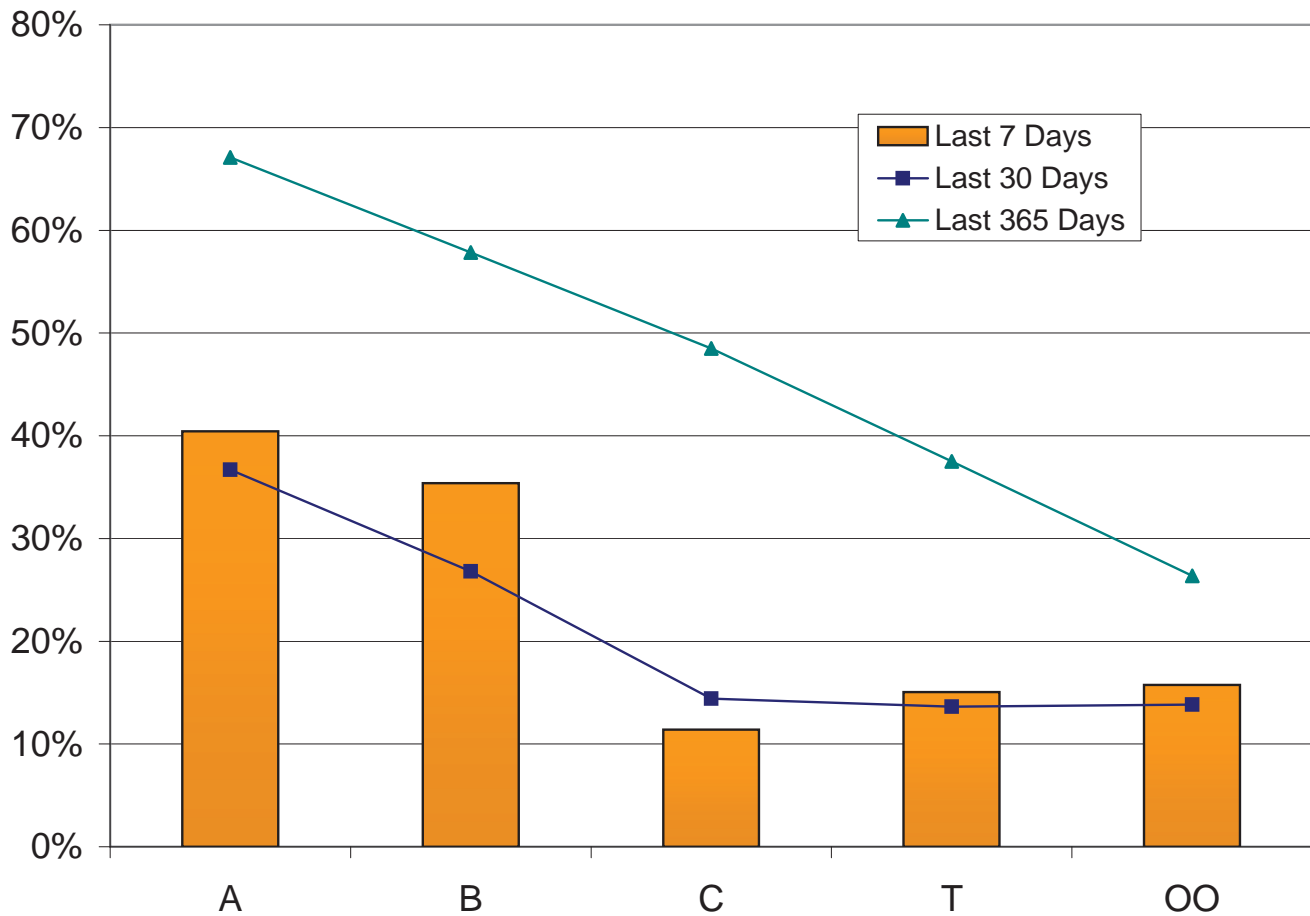
For the Period Sunday, July 5, 2009 to Saturday, July 11, 2009

JOB	Jobs cut prior to dispatch (unable to fill)	Jobs filled thru employee extensions	Jobs filled by employee double shifting	Jobs filled by local 502 employees	Jobs filled by transferring employees	Jobs left unfilled after dispatch	TOTAL
BULK OPERATOR	3						3
CARPENTER					1		1
ELECTRICIAN	1		2		2	1	6
H.D. MECHANIC	2		1			1	4
LOCIE ENGINEER					1		1
MEN					1		1
MILLWRIGHT	1		1		1		3
PLUMBER					1		1
SWITCHMAN					9		9
TOTAL	7		4		16	2	29

Explains how shortages were managed by Dispatch



Vancouver Casual Employee % Dispatched per Dispatch Board



Future BCMEA Meeting Dates:

Finance & Audit Committee

Friday, Jul. 17, 2009
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
5th Floor Boardroom
349 Railway Street

Preliminary 2010 WCB Premium Rates

Wednesday, Jul. 29, 2009
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
5th Floor Boardroom
349 Railway Street

Finance & Audit Committee

Friday, Aug. 21, 2009
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
5th Floor Boardroom
349 Railway Street

Direct Employers Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
5th Floor Boardroom
349 Railway Street

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
5th Floor Boardroom
349 Railway Street

Ship Owners Committee

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Terminal City Club
837 West Hastings Street

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