



The Bulletin

The Newsletter of the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association

BCMEA and ILWU – Canada ratify new collective agreement

A new 5-year collective agreement has been agreed upon by parties to maintain labour stability on the BC waterfront.



[Vancouver, British Columbia, June 25, 2019] The British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) and ILWU – Canada have formally ratified a new 5-year collective agreement that will continue to allow BC Ports to be a competitive, efficient and reliable gateway for the benefit of all Canadians.

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“Through a collaborative effort, and with both sides having worked hard to reach a tentative collective agreement on May 30, 2019, we have now ratified that agreement and are looking forward to next steps in our working relationship and to continue to bring stability to the West Coast of Canada for the next 5 years,” said Jeff Scott, Chair of the BCMEA Board.
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We're looking for your good news stories to share! Please submit to Lauren Chan: lchan@bcmea.com

BCMEA and ILWU – Canada ratify new collective agreement (continued)

The BCMEA is grateful to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services (FMCS) and in particular, Peter Simpson and Kathy Peters, as well as the Minister of Labour, The Honourable Patty Hajdu for their assistance in this process and to the ILWU – Canada for its commitment to work together. The BCMEA is confident that this agreement, now ratified, will secure a positive long-term outlook for trade and operations at local terminals, for the Province and for the country.

With ratification of the ILWU – Canada agreement now formalized, the BCMEA has reached out to FMCS to arrange further meeting dates to resume bargaining with Local 514 Ship and Dock Foremen.

Story contributed by Lauren Chan, Manager, Communications and Marketing / BCMEA

CN sees ‘record pace’ continue for grain shipments

canadianshipper.com

CN announced that western Canadian grain movement in the month of June exceeded 2.3 million metric tonnes (MMT), compared to the three year average of 1.80 MMT and June 2018’s result of 1.99 MMT. The cumulative total of tonnage moved for the 2018-19 crop year is on record pace at 25.5 MMT, or one million metric tonnes ahead of the previous record pace, despite the restrictions on Canadian exports to China.



“Our dedication to providing outstanding service for the Canadian economy contributes to Canada’s reputation as a strong and stable supply chain provider,” said JJ Ruest, president and chief executive officer at CN. “We are investing \$210M in rail capacity in North Vancouver to support the expanding coal and grain export terminals and to further encourage the growth of natural resources export supply chains.”

“Our investments and dedicated grain team focused our efforts onto what is going to be a record year,” said Allen Foster, vice president of Bulk at CN. “We are optimistic that the strong pace of shipments we’ve seen in June takes us through to the end of the crop year and we can build on our record shipment pace.”

<https://www.canadianshipper.com/financial-management/cn-sees-record-pace-continue-for-grain-shipments/1003380579/>

2019 Annual Cycle for Seafarers

flyingangel.ca



The Mission to Seafarers is hosting its 12th annual charity bike ride on Saturday, August 24th. Participants can choose from four different rides - a 15 km, 40 km, 60 km or 100 km. This is not a competition but rather a fundraiser to support the services and facilities for our visiting seafarers.

While there is no fee to participate, we encourage you to seek pledges in support of your ride. Prizes will be awarded to our top fundraisers. Commit today to helping make our centre at better place for the seafarers that service the Port of Vancouver.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WATERFRONT SEAFARERS CENTRE

REGISTRATION

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-mission-to-seafarers-in-the-diocese-of-new-westminster/p2p/2019-cycling/#>

Trucking industry group welcomes rate-setting regulatory amendments

biv.com

The BC Trucking Association (BCTA) welcomes the provincial government's decision to give the Office of the British Columbia Container Trucking Commissioner (OBCCTC) the regulatory authority to set rates and fuel surcharges, says the organization's president and CEO, Dave Earle.

"Bringing that authority closer to industry has always been something that we believe would bring greater responsiveness and ultimately greater stability to the system," Earle said.

The B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure announced June 26 that, effective July 1, it would repeal the current rates and remuneration provisions from the Container Trucking Regulation and give the OBCCTC greater regulatory authority.

"This is designed to help maintain stability, fairness and competitiveness in the sector," the ministry said through a press release announcing the decision, adding that "in setting rates, the commissioner will be guided by the principles of balancing fair compensation for drivers and ensuring the ongoing competitiveness of the sector."

Earle explained that when regulatory authority rests solely with the government, necessary changes can get stalled because of competing priorities. "When it rests with the commissioner, his office's only priority is the stability of the industry," he said.

The decision is also in line with the government's commitment, announced in April of this year, to implement 10 out of 12 of the recommendations from the OBCCTC's rate and remuneration report.

The report included a recommendation to introduce a \$25 flat rate, paid by carriers to truck drivers in addition to the rate paid for each on or off-dock trip to compensate for the time spent in positioning movements, which are performed without containers and which are currently unpaid.

The new rate, which also comes into force on July 1, "benefits drivers by recognizing their time spent driving, while minimizing industry disruption and enabling effective audit and enforcement by the commissioner," said the ministry.

"The flat rate nature of it is practical," Earle said. "It allows for audits to be completed objectively. It allows for ease of administration. And so again, if the government was going to introduce such a fee, we believe this the most logical and transparent manner in which it could have been done."

Looking forward to the implementation of the remaining OBCCTC recommendations, Earle said, the industry has asked the government for a more comprehensive discussion resulting in a more holistic approach to reform.

"It's difficult when we make changes in one area, and then two months later make changes in another area, and then two months later make changes in another area. That creates instability, it creates apprehension, and we don't want to have that.

"The government has been very focused on this industry and this sector. We're pleased with the interactions we've had with them to date. And we're hopeful that will continue, and that that will lead to a timely and comprehensive discussion."

<https://biv.com/article/2019/06/trucking-industry-group-welcomes-rate-setting-regulatory-amendments>

Industry News Links

A New Treaty To Protect Workers Against Violence And Harassment Is A Landmark Victory For Women

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/biancabarratt/2019/06/23/a-new-treaty-to-protect-workers-against-violence-and-harassment-is-a-landmark-victory-for-women/#5ed0e37278b9>

IMO pushes for gender equality with #IAmOnBoard Day of the Seafarer theme

<http://www.seatrade-maritime.com/news/europe/imo-pushes-for-gender-equality-with-iamonboard-day-of-the-seafarer-theme.html>

China increases 17.1% softwood lumber imports in first five months 2019

https://www.lesprom.com/en/news/China_increases_17_1%25_softwood_lumber_imports_in_first_five_months_2019_89728/

Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy Renewal

<https://porttalk.ca/NWPCAS>

StatsCan reports merchandise \$762 million trade surplus in May

<https://www.canadianshipper.com/transportation-and-logistics/statscan-reports-merchandise-762-million-trade-surplus-in-may/1003380606/>

Government of Canada Invests in Kitimat LNG Facility

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/government-of-canada-invests-in-kitimat-lng-facility>

A ship and its crew get entangled in Trump-Xi Huawei battle

<https://www.ajot.com/news/a-ship-and-its-crew-get-entangled-in-trump-xi-huawei-battle>

Railway to be built to connect Alaska to Canada and Lower 48

<https://www.canadianshipper.com/transportation-and-logistics/railway-to-be-built-to-connect-alaska-to-canada-and-lower-48/1003380558/>

Blockchain consortium launched to tackle misdeclaration of dangerous goods

<https://container-mag.com/2019/06/27/blockchain-consortium-launched-tackle-misdeclaration-dangerous-goods/>

COSCO Announces Huge Merger of Chinese Terminals

https://www.porttechnology.org/news/cosco_announces_huge_merger_of_chinese_terminals

DP World showcases 'Boxbay' stacking system

<https://container-mag.com/2019/06/21/dp-world-showcases-boxbay-stacking-system/>

Canada's Oil Tanker Moratorium Act Receives Royal Assent

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/canada-s-oil-tanker-moratorium-act-receives-royal-assent>

Maersk introduces online product to simplify buying process for customers

<https://container-mag.com/2019/06/26/maersk-introduces-online-product-simplify-buying-process-customers/>

HMM to join THE Alliance

<https://www.canadianshipper.com/transportation-and-logistics/hmm-to-join-the-alliance/1003380560/>

Electric container handlers save energy

<https://www.portstrategy.com/news101/toc-europe-news/electric-container-handlers-save-energy>

Insight: What is the Future of Hyperloop?

https://www.porttechnology.org/news/insight_what_is_the_future_of_hyperloop

How much autonomous can commercial ships become?

<https://mfame.guru/how-much-autonomous-can-commercial-ships-become/>

Tweet of the Week



PacificCoastTerminal
@PCTPortMoody



Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say "hi" at the Golden Spike Days festival this past weekend. We enjoyed interacting with the community as well as all the memorable performances on the PCT performance stage....



INDUSTRY EVENTS CALENDAR

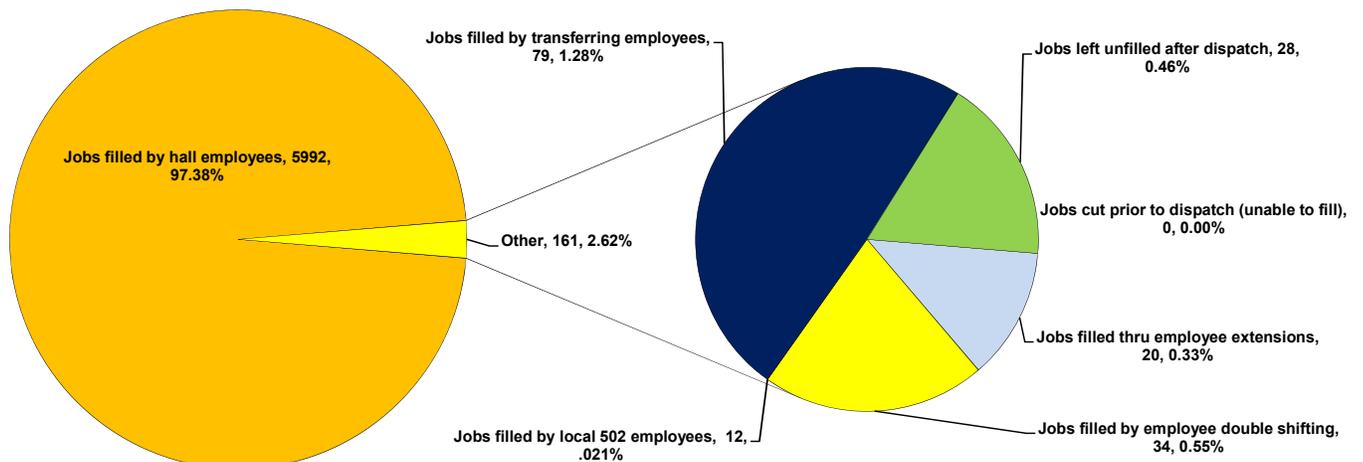
- Sept. 10, 2019 **Safety at Sea Awards 2019**
London Marriott Grosvenor Square
London, UK
<https://www.sasawards.com/>
- Oct. 8-10, 2019 **Breakbulk Americas**
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, TX
<https://www.breakbulk.com/events/breakbulk-americas-2019/>
- Oct. 23-24, 2019 **13th Annual Vancouver Island Economic Summit**
Vancouver Island Conference Centre
Nanaimo BC
<http://viea.ca/vi-economic-summit/>
- Oct. 23-25, 2019 **Canada Logistics Conference 2019**
Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel & Suites
Niagara Falls, ON
<https://www.citt.ca/conference/>
- Nov. 6-8, 2019 **National Workers' Compensation and Disability
Conference & Expo**
Mandalay Bay
Las Vegas, NV
<http://www.wcconference.com/>
- Nov. 11-14, 2019 **2019 ICHCA International 20/20 Cargo Vision
Conference & Exhibition**
Hilton Malta
St. Julians, Malta
<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/website/1037/home/>
- Nov. 20-22, 2019 **WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit: "Investing in Ocean
Futures: Finance and innovation for the blue economy"**
Hôtel de l'Industrie
Paris, France
<https://sustainableoceansummit.org/>

Dispatch Shortage Statistics

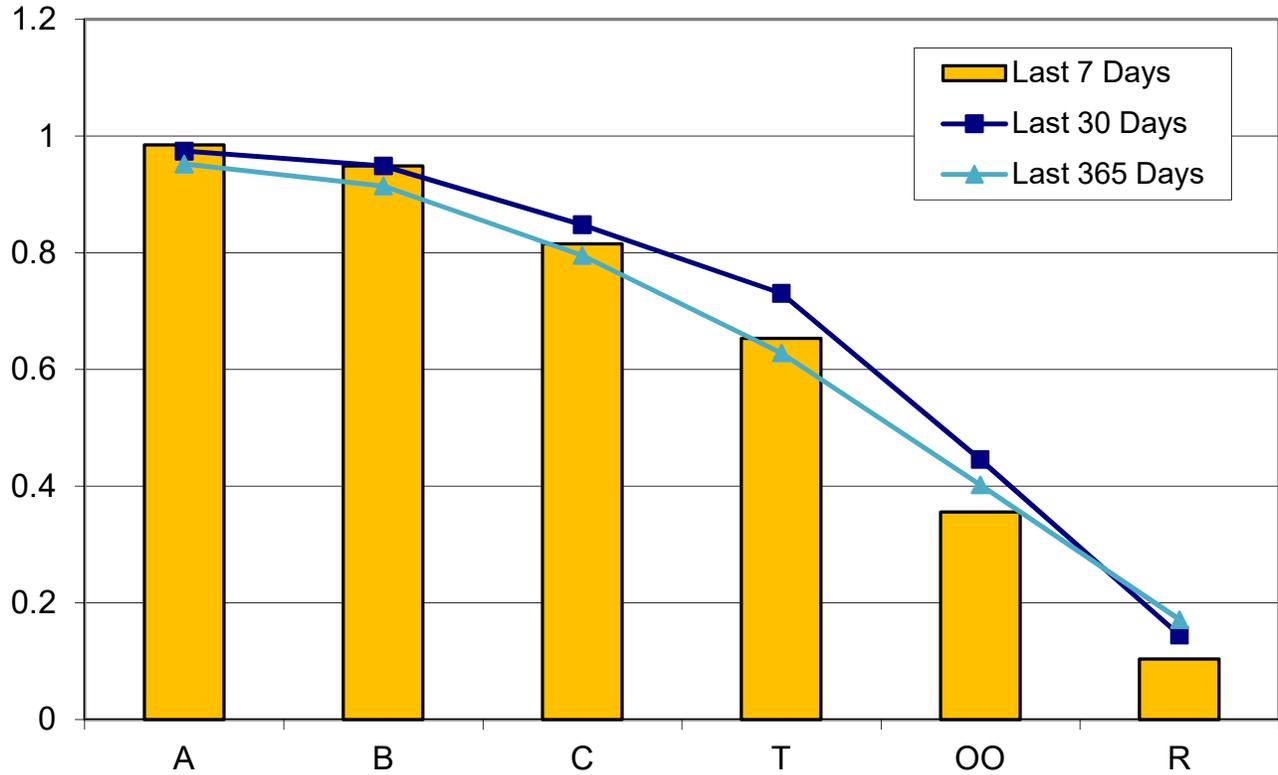
For the Period Sunday June 23, 2019 to Saturday June 29, 2019

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
40 TON & RACK					1		1
BULK OPERATOR			11		7	3	21
BULLDOZER					1		1
CARPENTER						2	2
CHECKER (DOCK)					4		4
CLASS #1 AIR					1		1
DOCK GANTRY		15			11		26
DRIVER					3		3
ELECTRICIAN						1	1
F.E.L.			2		5		7
GEARPERSON					1		1
H.D. MECHANIC					1	12	13
HEAD CHKR		1			5		6
HT SHIP GANTRY					2		2
HT SIGNALS					1		1
KINDER MORGAN LIQUID			2		1		3
KOMATSU OP					2		2
LIQUID BULK			1				1
LOCIE ENGINEER			3		1		4
MEN - DOW			1		2		3
MILLWRIGHT			4		2	5	11
MOBILE CRANE OP			9		1		10
PLUMBER					1		1
RACK & S/HOIST					3		3
RED DOG CRANE		2					2
RUBBER TIRE GTY					14		14
SHIP GANTRY		1					1
SWITCHMAN			1				1
TRAC.TRAIL. (S)					2		2
TRACTOR TRAILER					3	1	4
WELDER					3	4	7
WHEAT SPECIALTY					1		1
WINCH DRIVER		1					1
TOTAL		20	34		79	28	161

How were shortages handled by Dispatch?



Vancouver Casual Employee % Dispatched per Dispatch Board



Future BCMEA Meeting Dates:

**MEETINGS WILL
RESUME IN
SEPTEMBER**



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