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Death or Injury of Ship's Crew

Recently at Squamish a member of the ship's crew died while the ship was at berth. If you become aware of an injury or worse to a crewmember on a visiting vessel please call the Union Office immediately.

The International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) represents the ship's crew. When you phone the Union Office about an injury to a crewmember it allows us to phone the ITF Inspector so that the crewmember gets the representation he is entitled to.

Without representation crews on foreign vessels are often treated badly. This has included in the past, repatriation to their country of origin without getting proper medical treatment here. The ship owners and the employers here do not care about the seafarers' health and safety. The ships' crews have always relied on Longshore to be their voice when they are in the port of Vancouver.

Let the tradition of solidarity with workers from the Third World continue.

ILWU Local 500 Officers