

INJURY ACTION PLAN – Vessel Crewmember/Seaman

If something happens to me while I am working on the water or the vessel or ship I am assigned to and I am unable to communicate, please contact the following people and do the following things:

1. Call the president of my union hall and let them know what has happened.

my president is: \_\_\_\_\_

mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If you cannot get in touch with the president of my union hall, call the vice-president of my union hall.

my vice-president is: \_\_\_\_\_

mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Call my union insurance representative and let them know what happened. My representative is: \_\_\_\_\_

mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Call an attorney experienced in the Jones Act and injuries to vessel crewmembers. One attorney is: Robert Underwood of the Underwood Law Group. His phone number is (904) 493-6088 or (904) 891-5877.

4. Get someone to take photos of where I was hurt and what I was hurt on.

5. Make sure my doctors understand that I am not covered by Worker's Compensation. My employer or shipowner is not responsible for my medical bills and cannot say what treatment I should or should not get. All of my medical expenses should be billed through my insurance. A copy of my insurance card is inside this envelope.

6. Do not let the vessel or ship officials talk to my doctors about my medical care.
7. My employer is required to pay Maintenance and Cure benefits to me while I am unable to work. Make sure that my employer starts paying these benefits immediately.
8. Get a copy of my Living Will or Advance Directives. This will tell my doctors how to handle certain life or death medical procedures.
9. In the event I am deceased or die before I am able to communicate, please get my Will and contact an attorney who handles estates and/or probate matters.