



Statement of Joseph C. Curto, President

New York Shipping Association (NYSA)

On the Settlement of Local Conditions for New NYSA-ILA Collective Bargaining Agreement

March 13, 2013

"This Agreement will allow us to begin an evolutionary progression of meaningful change that will improve the process for working ships, hiring labor, and paying key staff persons," said Joseph Curto.

The Agreement includes a provision for a Relief Gang system, which is a variation of shift work. Also included is a special Window Pension Benefit that will induce up to 400 industry workers to retire in the next 12 months and a new recruiting, hiring and training plan to replace those workers.

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