

**LOCAL 8888**

# **BULLHORN**

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**Bargaining News on the Yard**

**April 21, 2008**

## **CONTRACT COUNTDOWN BEGINS POWER UP!**

The countdown has begun. We're coming hard in the yard and at the bargaining table. This shipyard is getting a lot of work, and this company is making a whole lot of money – over \$40 billion.

But if you believe company bosses are going to GIVE us more money or better pensions simply because we are the best shipbuilders in the world, THINK AGAIN! This company is looking out for its shareholders first, NOT you.

It takes power – not begging or complaining– to get what we want and deserve at the bargaining table. That's why our motto for this contract campaign is POWER UP!

Local 8888 is powering up by getting your input on bargaining priorities. We're powering up by recruiting and training volunteers. We're powering up by tapping new ways to get you timely information, and by setting up committees to run an effective, winning campaign.

We already have a good contract to build on. But to get more, the company needs to see that we've got solid support across the shipyard. So please:

- If we call a union meeting, be there.
- If you get a union leaflet or newspaper, read it.
- If you have questions, ask a union representative (before or after your shift).

### **Look for Contract Survey in the Next Voyager, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

The contract survey for Local 8888 members will be distributed **inside the Voyager** newspaper on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. This questionnaire gives every union member an opportunity to express his or her views on what issues they want the Local 8888 negotiations committee to raise at the bargaining table with the company. **So be sure to look inside the next Voyager newspaper.**

**This survey is for Local 8888 members only!** All survey forms are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please return your completed questionnaire to any Local 8888 representative (but only before or after your shift or during your break). You can also drop it in the mailbox either at the old union hall (4306 Huntington Ave., Newport News, VA) or at the temporary Local 8888 office (The Hause Building, 9286 Warwick Blvd., Newport, VA). The contract survey form can also be downloaded from Local 8888's web site ([www.USW8888.com](http://www.USW8888.com)).

## Contract Action Teams (CAT) Hit the Yard

Local 8888 has formed a Contract Action Team (nicknamed “CAT” Team) to keep members in the shipyard better informed about developments related to our contract negotiations. Local 8888 President Alton Glass, Sr., said, “CAT team members will play a very important role because they will be visible and vocal, and they will know the real union position on contract issues.” Volunteers are needed in all departments for the CAT team. Please contact any of the following Local 8888 leaders if you want to volunteer for the CAT team.

### CAT Team Co-Chairs

054 Chan Lewis  
X31 Darrell Parker  
X36 Mike Lee

X43 Michael Heimerich  
043 Cassandra Joe  
046 Ervin L. Blake, Jr.  
046 N.J. Stanley  
046 Anthony Craig  
X43 A. E. Marshall  
043 John McCormick  
054 Charles Spivey  
046 Aaron P. Johnson  
052 Ora Council  
X36 James J. Spence, Jr.  
M32 Kevin Fowler  
M32 J.V. (Butch) Cassidy  
X36 Mattie Urquhart  
X33 Gene Margruder  
X31 Freddie James

X33 Adair Jordan  
X31 Todd Harris  
046 Larry Washington  
X18 Bert Boone  
M33 Carolyn Ezell  
X42 Victor Boone  
053 Shirlene Harper  
053 Michael Hawk  
014 Ashley M. Kingery  
X11 Greg Woods  
X12 Sallie Turner  
X31 Janet Jones  
X12 Phyllis Vaughan  
X31 Antonio Marks

### CAT Team Leaders

X11 Linda Kindred  
X18 Michael Robinson  
X18 M.J. Fogg  
X18 Emma King  
X18 Jackie Fogg  
X11 Clarence Whitley  
X18 S.C. Britt  
X18 Aaron Henry  
X18 Marilyn Purdie  
X43 Matthew McQuade

## Schedule for Contract Negotiations Set

The preliminary schedule for contract negotiations has been announced by Local 8888 President Alton Glass, Sr. The Local 8888 negotiations committee will first review members’ responses to the contract survey to help prepare its contract proposals. The committee will then develop bargaining strategies to achieve its goals in negotiations with the company. These prep meetings will take place May 13, 14 and 22; June 25 and 26; and July 14 – 16.

### Support Your Local 8888 Negotiations Committee:

Alton Glass, Sr. – Local 8888 President	Arthur Keyes X31
Danny Keefer – Grievance Committee Chair	Vincent Harris 053
Linwood Parrish X43	Ralph Baker X18
Verna Chamberliss X42	

### Free Local 8888 Tee Shirts – Get Yours While They Last

Free Local 8888 tee shirts will be distributed to **members only** at the temporary USW office in the Hause Building, 9286 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA.

#### Tee Shirt Distribution Schedule (6 am – 6 pm)

April 28:	X32, M32, X33, M34	May 14:	014, 038, 043, 046, 048,
“ 29:	X42, M42, X43		052, 053, 054, 058, 059,
“ 30:	X31, X36		K61, M53, A572
		May 15:	X11, X12, X15, X18

