

... Shipyard vote to strike

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of working on weekends for straight time. It's a family quality-of-life issue for our members. They want to be with their families on the weekends, and if they're not, they want to be compensated for it."

The multi-union master agreement falls under the direction of the Metal Trades Department of the AFL-CIO. It covers more than 700 workers at Vigor Marine Portland, Cascade General Portland, Washington Marine Repair Seattle, Vigor Marine Seattle, and Vigor Shipyard Seattle, all of which operate as a single company and are subsidiaries of Vigor Industrial LLC. Side agreements are bargained separately by the Metal Trades

Council of Portland and Vicinity, the Puget Sound Metal Trades Council, and Boilermakers Local 104. The metal trades councils are comprised of 10 unions. For the Portland shipyard, those include Plumbers and Fitters Local 290, Operating Engineers Local 701, Boilermakers Local 104, IBEW Local 48, Laborers Local 737, Painters District Council 5, Sheet Metal Workers Local 16, Teamsters Local 162, Machinists District Lodge W24, and Insulators Local 36.

After members rejected the second contract offer, the union coalition proposed further meetings with the company, assisted by a federal mediator, but had not heard back from Vigor as of when this issue went to press.

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