

# Offshore and Maritime Worker Injuries under the Jones Act

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There are a specific set of federal statutes known as the Jones Act and the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) which apply to mariners—including crew members, dredge workers, roughnecks, roustabouts, fishermen, divers, ships' cooks, and other "seamen"—who are injured on cargo ships, supply boats, and other offshore places of work on navigable waters. Because an injured seaman cannot file a workers' compensation claim against his employer, the Jones Act and general maritime law provide standing for an injured seaman to file suit for negligence and breach of the warranty of seaworthiness against his employer and seek compensation for his injuries. Similarly, if a dock worker, stevedore, longshoreman, or offshore drilling rig platform worker is injured in the course of his employment, then his compensation may be governed under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act which provides medical benefits, compensation for lost wages, and rehabilitation services to the injured employee.

Our attorneys provide experienced and personalized legal counsel for seamen, longshoremen and other maritime workers who have suffered an on-the-job injury. With offices in southern Brazoria County and Galveston, we are located near some of the largest ports on the Texas Gulf Coast. If necessary, an attorney from our team will come to you. To contact our office and schedule an appointment for a free consultation to speak with an attorney, please call our office directly at 979-236-8271.