

The Transportation Worker Identification Credential is an example of how Bureaucracy thrives on fear! Ludicrous laws and regulations are able to fly under the radar when we are banging the drums of war and screaming for protection. These postures are not examples of strong leadership. To the contrary, they are exhibits of weak and afraid leaders. Throughout our history, our greatest moments have been when our leadership trusted and relied on the people of this nation to get the country through the tough times. WE did not get through those times by alienating our populace!

The Mariner identification procedures presently in place are more than sufficient in identifying persons who should or should not be aboard our vessels. In our company, as in most companies, a Mariner's documents are tracked to the point that we remind them to start the renewal process. We presently start the renewal process a year in advance of expiration. The TWIC will add time and burden to this already overextended process. Will we need two years to renew a five year document in the future?

The Marine industry does not need another bureaucratic regulation. The Marine industry needs strong, clear-headed leadership!