

Pay rise secured for Liverpool workers at world-leading group

A pay rise has been secured for Liverpool workers who are part of a world leader in marine and environmental services.

Almost 50 employees at Liverpool Mooring Services, which is a member of the Briggs Marine group, are to receive a 3% pay increase backdated to January 1, 2021, and then a further 3% rise from January 1, 2022, Unite has confirmed.

The workers will also receive enhanced sick pay above the statutory sick pay (SSP) rate.

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They will receive 30 days of full pay when sick, with the enhanced sick pay provision beginning from day one.

Previously this policy had been limited to 15 days sick pay, after four waiting days, Unite said.

Unite general secretary Sharon Graham said: "Unite is the union which always puts the jobs, pay and conditions of its members first.

"It is great that the workers at Liverpool Mooring Services have achieved significant improvements in their sick pay scheme alongside this pay rise.

"Unite will keep fighting for our members in docks and waterways to receive decent pay deals which fully recognise the challenges they face on a daily basis."

The pay and conditions deal will apply to 47 workers who are

responsible for mooring vessels in the River Mersey both in Liverpool and on the Wirral.

The workers undertake various roles such as mooring operatives, charge hands, and coxswains.

Unite regional officer Steve Gerrard added: “This was a challenging set of negotiations, but Unite was able to finally persuade the employer to introduce a much fairer sick pay scheme for our members.

“Briggs Marine’s commitment to enter into early talks prior to the 2023 pay award is very welcome and Unite will be making a strong case for a further substantial pay award at that time.”

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