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Decisions over the last several years by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals have bolstered employers' defenses to maintenance-and-cure claims by injured seamen. But a 2013 decision has come to seamen's aid. Counsel on both side of the admiralty and maritime docket can take some steps to strengthen their clients' positions before litigation begins. [Click here to read the article in its entirety.](#)