

ABOUT US WHO WE ARE

My Maritime Career is a joint recruiting venture between the SIU and the Paul Hall Center. Our aim is to educate the public about maritime career opportunities, and streamline the application process for prospective mariners looking to start their career in the U.S. Merchant Marine.

Our contracted companies offer work aboard a wide variety of vessels, including commercial freighters, containerships and tankers, military support ships, tugboats and barges, passenger ships, gaming vessels and many more.

We offer programs and pathways to match various experience levels and backgrounds. Learn more about us by visiting mymaritimecareer.org!

UNLICENSED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Our Apprenticeship Program is the largest training program for new mariners in the United States. In a quasi military setting, students are provided with the all the skills and education needed for them to start their seafaring career in one of three shipboard departments - deck, engine, or steward.

PROGRAM PHASES






- 1 16 week on site training (All departments)
 - Combination training - classroom, simulation, practical assessments
- 2 60 days at sea (Deck & Engine, entry level wage)
200 days at sea (Steward, entry level wage)
- 3 120 days at sea (Deck & Engine)
 - *Entry employment, contract wages*
- 4 On site training (All departments)
 - *Completion of AB (3 weeks)*
 - *Completion of FOWT (4 weeks)*
 - *Completion of Chief Cook (5 weeks)*

ELIGIBILITY

- 18 years + to apply, under
*please contact us to discuss
how to make a plan*
- U.S work eligible
- No degree required
- Able to obtain MMC, TWIC
- Meet USCG physical requirements
 - Drug free
 - Pass physical, dental standard
 - Correctable vision



BENEFITS

-  Tuition-Free Learning
-  Room & Board Provided
-  Guaranteed 1st Job Placement
-  Accelerated Advancement
-  Excellent pay, benefits, including retirement

HOW TO APPLY



**YOUR
CAREER
STARTS HERE**
POWERED BY 

TRAINING FACILITY

PAUL HALL CENTER



The Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education - located in Piney Point, Maryland - is the largest training facility for merchant mariners in the United States. It is the product of a cooperative effort between the SIU and its contracted shipping companies. The Center integrates vocational training, academic enrichment, and trade union responsibility.

Since its founding, the Center has provided careers for generations of mariners, at the same time, provided trained and qualified manpower aboard America's merchant vessels whenever and where ever needed to ensure that vital cargo is moved safely and on time.

UNION AFFILIATE

SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION




Since 1938, the Seafarers International Union has proudly represented mariners sailing aboard U.S.-flag vessels in the deep sea, Great Lakes and inland waters. Today, it is the largest North American maritime labor union. The SIU works tirelessly to ensure strong wages, good benefits, quality workplaces, secure jobs, and sound retirements. Learn more at Seafarers.org.

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WHAT DO THE JOBS LOOK LIKE?



DECK DEPARTMENT

Responsible for vessel navigation watch standing, care of cargo, maintenance of the deck area, carrying out mooring operations and anchoring of the vessel, and other duties as assigned.



STEWARD DEPARTMENT

Responsible for all aspects of meal preparation, stores and pantry, maintaining the galley, and general housekeeping throughout the vessel, and other duties as assigned.



ENGINE DEPARTMENT

Responsible for the operation, cleaning, maintenance and repair of ship propulsion systems and systems throughout the vessel, and other duties as assigned.

