

Why Maritime? Seven Good Reasons

- 1. Good pay.** Maritime workers enjoy competitive wages and benefits.
- 2. Growing job market.** Thanks to increasing international trade, maritime employment is expected to grow.
- 3. An aging workforce.** The maritime industry will need workers to replace those who are nearing retirement. For example, in 2009, the average age of all chief marine engineers was 50.
- 4. Great career flexibility.** Maritime offers such diversity that you can change careers many times and still stay in the same industry.
- 5. Challenging, hands-on work.** Mariners get to learn and use the latest technology, with numerous opportunities for on-the-job training.
- 6. Quick advancement for quick learners.** Maritime employers often promote current workers. Excellent training is available right here in the Puget Sound (and sometimes, your company will even pay for it!).
- 7. See the world.** Few jobs offer more adventure than jobs at sea.

“Mariners don’t care what side of tracks you’re from, where you went to school, what color you are.

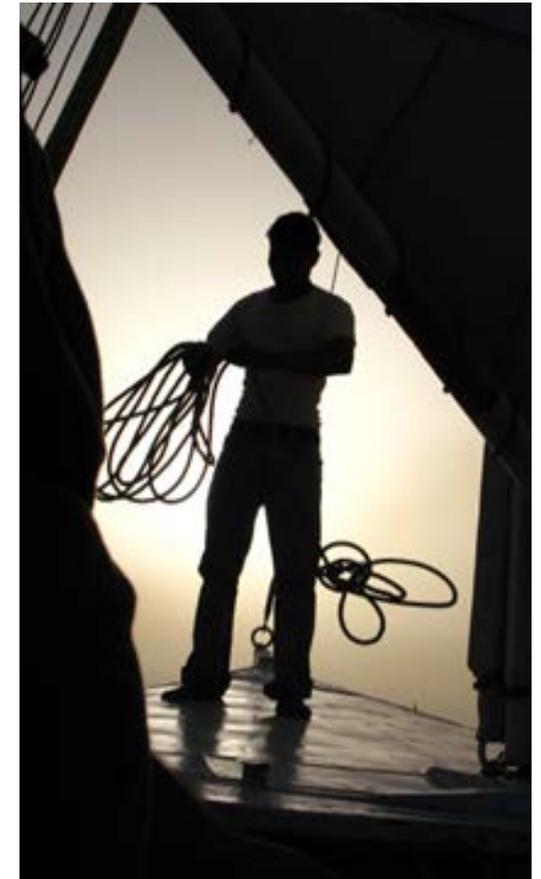
What matters is how well you do your job and whether you’re a good shipmate.”

Richard Berkowitz
Director of the Pacific Coast Operations
of the Transportation Institute



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Exploring Maritime Careers





On sea and on shore – opportunities abound in maritime!

- International cargo shipping
- Shipbuilding and repair
- Tugboat towing
- Fishing vessels
- Ferries
- Cruise ships
- Offshore operations
- And more!

You might consider a maritime career if you....

- Have a strong interest in maritime careers or going to sea, like being outside, or you like to work with your hands.
- Have an ability to adapt to rapidly changing situations.
- Are going towards a GED (most positions in the industry will require this).
- Don't have DUIs or drug offenses on your record.*

*These convictions will make it hard for you to get most shipboard jobs.

But do I need to be able to swim??

No! Almost all boats are specifically designed to keep you safe and dry!



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connected with the sea.
maritime industry: work that takes place around the water.



Job Type	Median Pay
Metal and plastic workers	\$42,270
Sailors and marine oilers	\$38,190
Captains and mates	\$66,150
Ship engineers	\$70,890
Motorboat mechanics	\$40,980
Shipyards materials moving (longshoreman)	\$40,080

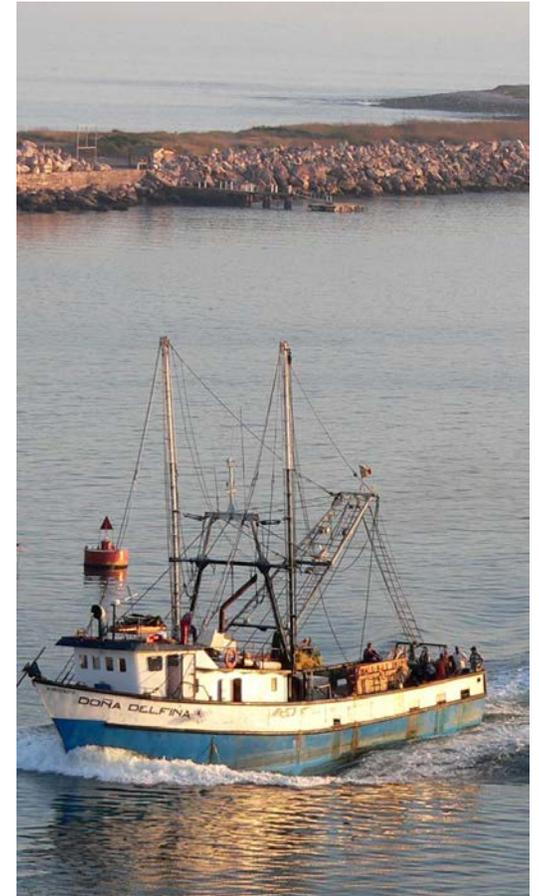


Sample
Training
Programs



Sample
Jobs in
Shipyards

Sample
Jobs on
Boats





Job Profile: Fish Processing

Starting Wages:

- Up to \$1,000 per week, or \$6,000 for the entire summer

Sample Training Needed:

- None! These are truly entry-level jobs – all you need to do is work hard and be willing to be flexible

When to Apply:

- Most jobs are in the summer, so hiring usually takes place in early spring and summer

These jobs are hard seasonal jobs that pay reasonably well – mostly because there is a lot of overtime work and very little opportunity to spend money. A great way to earn lots of money over the summer!

Career Profile: Shipyard Welding and Fitting

Starting Wages:

- \$14-\$20 an hour

Sample Training Needed:

- Six month training program through VIGOR (a boat-builder) and South Seattle Community College

Why?

- Highly employable positions with great advancement opportunity!



Program Profile: Job Corps



Troy was one of the first graduates of the Center for Wooden Boats' Job Skills Training Program. He is now enrolled in the Job Corps Seamanship Program, and expects to work as a deckhand on a boat right after graduation.

How much does it cost?

- Nothing!

Who is it for?

- Young people, ages 16-24 who know they want to work on boats
- People who can commit two years to the program

What are the benefits?

- Valuable credentials like your AB license, which will allow you to work on boats
- Your GED
- Experience in the maritime industry!