

## **Education Today**

## In Stormy Job Market, Many Train For Jobs At Sea

(NAPSA)—A growing number of Americans looking for direction in their careers are discovering it at an unsurpassed educational facility in the peaceful surroundings of Piney Point, Md. Founded in 1967, the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education offers the most U.S. Coast Guardapproved courses of any maritime school in the nation.

The Seafarers International Union (SIU)-affiliated Paul Hall Center is the largest training facility for deep-sea merchant seafarers and inland waterways boatmen in the United States.

Today, the Paul Hall Center has grown and adapted, meeting the needs of individual students and ship operators who, in turn, help fulfill the manpower requirements of the U.S. Merchant Marine. The school has also done much more than simply survive. The Paul Hall Center has consistently been at the forefront of state-of-the-art, maritime-specific training, including simulators, firefighting, oil spill prevention, shipboard computers, training record books, refrigeration...and the list goes on.

In the 41 years of maritime



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training (1967-2008), 22,000 apprentices have completed the program and 238,000 training certificates have been issued for deck, engine, steward and safety courses. In addition, two college degree programs in nautical science and engineering have been approved by the Maryland State Board for Higher Education.

To learn more about current openings at this maritime training center, visit www.seafarers.org/phc.