

Career Opportunities

Smooth Sailing With Guaranteed First Job

(NAPSA)—Before venturing out into the rough waters of the job market, many people are weighing anchor at a vocational training facility that does not charge for tuition, room or board for entry-level students—and also guarantees that its graduates will have a first job when they set sail.

The Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, affiliated with the Seafarers International Union, prepares students for successful careers as U.S. Merchant Mariners. Based in Piney Point, Md., the school offers entry-level training; a program for military veterans; ongoing vocational classes; academic support and more.

The U.S. Merchant Marine plays a crucial role in America's economy by crewing the many vessels involved in international trade. U.S.-flag ships can be seen regularly in the major ports of the world. Merchant Mariners crew all types of vessels: container-ships, tankers, bulkers, passenger vessels, tugs and much more.

As vocational training for U.S. mariners seemingly becomes more important each year, the Center continues to offer state-of-the-art schooling. For example, in a move



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designed to keep deck department students abreast of the latest innovations in maritime technology, the institution's vocational staff recently unveiled the new Electronic Navigation Lab. As a result of this upgrade, students working in a simulated environment will now be able to reinforce classroom theory by engaging in real-time navigation exercises.

Established in 1967, the Paul Hall Center emphasizes hands-on training and features top-notch educational equipment in a picturesque setting. For more information, call (877) 235-3275 or visit www.seafarers.org.