

The Seafarer Collective

Course Catalog





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THE SEAFARER COLLECTIVE MISSION & INTENTIONS

The Seafarer Collective is a program of the non-profit maritime organization, Grays Harbor Historical Seaport. The Seafarer Collective's mission is to provide accessible learning platforms, career mentorship, and crew volunteer opportunities to aspiring mariners. We help participants build skills that will last a lifetime. Our hybrid curriculum grounds modern maritime training in our trade's traditional roots, and prepares our students for a career on the water today through self-paced online curriculum, mentorship, and volunteer crew opportunities.

THE SEAFARER COLLECTIVE EQUITY STATEMENT

We believe that equity and diversity are essential to a thriving, modern maritime workforce. In order to fulfill our mission to change the face of the maritime industry, we must take into account our society's inequalities, including those based on race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, and geography.

Through the direct support of women, people of color, LGBTQ+ people, registered tribal members and the coastal residents of the waters that we impact, we will continue to break barriers and create opportunities that challenge the status quo.

Note: The SC course descriptions are updated regularly. All announcements in the Course Catalog and on the TSC website are subject to change without notice and do not constitute an agreement between TSC and the participant. Participants should assume the responsibility of consulting the appropriate adviser for more current or specific information.



The Entry-Level Merchant Mariner

A blended distance learning and onboard training program for the beginner mariner who wants to build a career on the water. Students learn skills pertinent to entry level deckhands on commercial vessels, strengthen their professional competence, and receive guidance navigating the USCG credentialing system to earn their first USCG Merchant Mariner's Credential (MMC), an Ordinary Seaman (OS) rating. Total cost of program is \$1,950, not including travel to vessels. Scholarships are available.

Phase One

Students complete seven modules of TSC online content on the online learning platform, Eliademy, with the help of an online instructor. The curriculum on Eliademy is intended to create a baseline of skills and expectations for onboard life and work. At the end of the seven modules students take part in an evaluation meeting with the SC Instructor before moving to the onboard volunteer crew portion. Students complete a drug test and a physical with a doctor during the online curriculum as a requirement for joining the vessel and as a requirement for their MMC application.

Phase Two

Students join the training vessel for their volunteer crewing opportunity for 2-6 weeks. During the onboard portion, students take part in ship duties such as sailing, watch standing, chores, and normal shipboard programming, which includes teaching sailing and history topics to youth and other passengers. After the first two weeks students will take part in a second evaluation meeting with the first mate on board and TSC instructor, to assess their work and attitude while on board. If invited to continue, students may choose to stay on board for an additional period of time, continuing in the capacity of volunteer crew. Students will solidify knowledge they have gained and develop skills pertinent to entry level deckhand work on modern commercial vessels. Students are given foul weather gear, a rig knife, and a flashlight for work onboard.

The Distance Learning (DL) Modules on Eliademy for Ordinary Seaman (OS) Students:

DL-00 Marlinspike Module

Build a foundation for success with The Seafarer Collective in the Marlinspike Module. Learn how to use Eliademy and meet your instructor while beginning to learn the basics of the maritime industry such as marlinspike seamanship, docking, how to handle shipboard emergencies, sail theory, watchstanding, and navigation.

DL-01 OS Training Module 1

Starting the real work, in the OS Training Module 1 students learn the nitty gritty definitions of what an Ordinary Seaman (OS) rating is. This module also covers



emergency equipment and how to use it, understanding marine fresh water systems, and learning about the different maritime careers that are available.

The Entry-Level Merchant Mariner Continued -

DL-02 OS Training Module 2

Beginning with completing the actual OS application, OS Training Module 2 includes discourse on workplace safety (with an emphasis on Personal Protective Equipment), different kinds of pumps, the importance of bilge dewatering, and the levels of USCG Endorsements.

DL-03 OS Training Module 3

OS Training Module 3 explores some of the most fundamental tasks of the maritime world, splicing line and understanding diesel engines. There is also a heavy emphasis on professional development with a section on resume writing and completing the next step in the OS application, students will also complete a physical from a medical doctor.

DL-04 OS Training Module 4

Students complete a drug test during OS training Module 4, then learn the duties of being a navigational watch stander, the basics of marine electrical work, and how to write a cover letter. Receive help navigating the National Maritime Center website.

DL-05 OS Training Module 5

In OS training Module 5 students become familiar with fueling vessels, and how to prep and then paint a steel hull, then gain an insight of what employers are looking for during the interview process.

DL-06 OS Training Module 6

The final module before joining your vessel, OS Training Module 6 is about setting final expectations and helping students pack. Read a comic by Lucy Bellwood about her experience on the tall ship Oliver Hazard Perry, and learn how to pack a bag for going to sea.

DL-07 OS Training Module 7

OS Training Module 7 is completed after the first two weeks onboard. This module guides students through the final steps of submitting their OS application packet to the United States Coast Guard.



USCG Approved Online Able Seaman Certificate Course

The Seafarer Collective's Online AB (Able Seaman) is a USCG approved distance learning course. Study material is designed to be completed in four weeks, at the student's convenience on the distance learning platform, *Eliademy*. Students can access the course online any time of day from a laptop or tablet, wherever they are based. This course is geared towards motivated learners who want to work at their interested pace with the support and encouragement of an instructor and other classmates.

An online discussion board and three live webinars will give students the chance to ask questions and share ideas. The instructor is available by phone and email to support students. At the conclusion of the course students attend an in-person exam that is administered by an approved TSC instructor.

Mariners who pass their Seafarer Collective AB exams will be presented with a certificate of course completion for their Able Seaman (Domestic) exams, which can be presented to the USCG National Maritime Center upon application for a Merchant Mariner Credential in lieu of taking the exams at a USCG Regional Exam Center.

The Sea Service requirements for AB and Lifeboatman Limited are the following: Minimum sea service requirement for an AB Sail is 180 days, and 360 for AB Special. Without a full Lifeboatman course, the mariner must reach 360 days of sea service to qualify for Lifeboatman Limited, as well as complete shipboard assessments. Students will learn how to work with their captain/mate to complete their required shipboard assessments in this course.

If a student is interested in earning their full Lifeboatman and/or only has 180 days of sea service, they will need to take a separate, in-person (not online) Lifeboatman course. The Seafarer Collective instructors can answer individual questions about this so that prospective students can determine if this course is right for them.

An Example of a Course Calendar:

December 9 (Sunday): *Course start and 1 hour intro Webinar*

December 10 (Monday): *Week 1 starts*

December 16 (Monday): *Week 2 starts*

December 24 (Monday): *Week 3 starts*

December 30 (Sunday): *How to complete your USCG Application Webinar*



December 31 (Monday): *Week 4 starts*

January 3 (Thursday): *Course Review Session Webinar*

January 5 (Saturday): *Exams - In-Person - Aberdeen, WA (other locations available/TBD)*

The Recreational Marlinspike

This program is for the recreational mariner interested in the history of tall ships and the Pacific Northwest, learning the basics of sailing, getting a taste of the tall ship world, and going on the adventure of a lifetime. The Recreational Marlinspike takes place in two phases. Total cost of program is \$799.00, not including travel to vessels.

Phase One

Trainees log into the online learning platform, Eliademy to complete the Distance Learning (DL) content, Marlinspike Module within one week. On Eliademy, Trainees will find the resources they need to make their time on the vessel as successful as possible.

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Phase Two

Once the online content is complete, trainees come aboard for two weeks to live and work as a volunteer crewmember. While onboard, volunteer crew solidify theoretical skills they began building in the online content. Go sailing almost everyday, help maintain the vessel, take part in daily shipboard tasks, and help run the education and public programming.

The Recreational Marlinspike operates on a monthly basis.

Learn more at <https://www.historicalseaport.org/education/sail-training/>



Commonly Asked Questions:

How much do the different programs cost?	The Entry Level Merchant Mariner - \$1950 Online AB Course - \$650 Recreational Mariner - \$799
When do programs begin?	Check out our course calendar, or email hello@theseafarercollective.org
I want more information, who do I contact?	Email hello@theseafarercollective.org
How do I apply for a program?	Go to our website: www.theseafarercollective.org and send in an application, or register for an online course on the REGISTER page
I am a business and I want to hire your graduates, who do I talk to?	Please contact hello@theseafarercollective.org

To learn more about The Seafarer Collective's three programs and course registration please visit <https://www.theseafarercollective.org/>

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