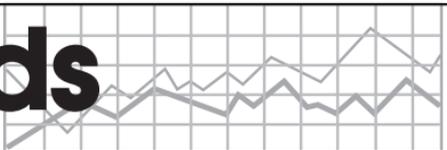


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Write Your Own Ticket In The Merchant Marine

(NAPSA)—Those looking for a job in a profession that's awash with opportunities for advancement may want to sign up to learn to be a merchant mariner.

A spokesman for the Seafarers International Union (SIU) says there are many different types of jobs and different types of ships to serve on. Ships in the merchant marine include containerships, tankers, roll-on/roll-off vessels, passenger ferries, cruise ships, tugboats, lakers and more. It is a heavily regulated industry, but one that offers unmatched flexibility when it comes to schedules.

Helping to fulfill the manpower requirements of the U.S. Merchant Marine is the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, located in the peaceful surrounding of Piney Point, Maryland. The Paul Hall Center has consistently been at the forefront of the state-of-the-art, maritime-specific training, including simulators, firefighting, oil spill prevention, shipboard computers, refrigeration and much more.

After graduating from the school, mariners can write their own ticket in the merchant marine. They could sail forever in



For people who need a little direction in their job hunt, a life at sea may be the answer.

an entry rating (ordinary seaman, wiper, steward assistant) or keep upgrading all the way to captain.

The point is that by entering the apprentice program, students have an opportunity to make a living at sea. The Paul Hall Center, which has grown and adapted to the times, accepts students with many different educational backgrounds.

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