

Maritime Works: An Alaska Careers Partnership

Mission: To steer the implementation of the *Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan* to ensure outcomes meet industry needs.

September 2015 UPDATE

Update from Maritime Works Steering Committee

- The Business Education Compact hosted cross-industry workforce development meetings on September 9 and 23. Attendees included representatives of Maritime Works, the oil and gas, mining, construction and healthcare industries as well as the University of Alaska and Alaska Departments of Labor and Education. The purpose of the meetings was to continue to collaborate on an cross-industry assessment of occupations/skills, the development of a Training Clearing-house and employability standards, and to discuss how best to provide feedback to the Alaska Department of Labor (ADOLWD) on the State's plan for implementing requirements of the Workforce Investment and Opportunities Act (WIOA).

- ADOLWD has been awarded a \$3 million USDOL Sector Partnership National Emergency Grant (NEG) to fund two years of enhanced career services, training and work-based training to reemploy dislocated workers and enhance their employability and earnings. Maritime Works will collaborate with ADOLWD to implement regional planning and work-based training models. Maritime industry employers named in the State's plan include Vigor Industrial, Icicle Seafoods and Crowley Maritime – all participants and contributors to Maritime Works.

General Updates

- In Ketchikan, Vigor Industrial, Alaska General Contractors, the Ketchikan Indian Community, UAS Ketchikan campus and the school district have partnered to offer the Ketchikan Construction Academy to both youth and adults. In its second year, this marine industrial pre-apprentice program works to bridge the school to work gap by offering NCCER curriculum in construction skills and welding to students and residents of Ketchikan. Program graduates are given priority in the employment application review process at Vigor and if hired, receive a premium starting wage. Several high school graduates have completed the program and now work in the Vigor shipyard.

- Homer Marine Trades Association has collaborated with the Kenai Peninsula College, Kachemak Bay Campus to offer several [maritime technology courses](#) scheduled for this fall. Please visit Maritime Works' [training page](#) for more information on other upcoming training opportunities.

- The University of Alaska Southeast has announced a new [Associate of Applied Science degree in Marine Transportation](#). In addition to offering the degree program, facilities improvements will be made to establish a regional maritime and career center on the UAS Ketchikan campus. The program has been endorsed by many Southeast Alaska

maritime employers. Read the press release [here](#).

- The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Civil Rights Office hosted its first Marine Construction Career Day in Seward on September 10. The CRO plans to host the third annual Marine Construction Career day in Ketchikan on October 16.

- The Pacific Northwest OSHA Education Center, in addition to offering training for workers in the maritime industry, is now offering a [Maritime Safety and Health Specialist Certificate Program](#) for those with three years industry experience in ship repairing, shipbuilding, shipbreaking, marine terminals, or longshoring AND at least two years of occupational safety and health experience in any industry.

- Maritime Works' partner [Southeast Conference](#) awarded Vigor Industrial Business of the Year at its annual meeting on September 15 in Prince Rupert, B.C. Pictured L-R are Kaleigh Holm (SE Conference), Lt. Governor Byron Mallot, Doug Ward (Vigor) and Chelsea Goucher (Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce and Ketchikan Marine Industry Council).



Working Groups

Five working groups are active in implementing the Maritime Plan. Find information and updates at:

- [Vessel Repair and Maintenance](#)
- [Marine Refrigeration](#)
- [Vessel Engineering and Licensing](#)
- [Career Awareness](#)
- Marine Industrial Support Services

Recent Articles & Information

[Homer Tribune: Marine trades, college collaborate on basic training program](#)

Upcoming Events

- [OSHA 5410: Safety & Health Standards for the Maritime Industry](#), Sept. 28 – Oct. 2, 2015 in Seattle
- Marine Construction Career Day, October 16, 2015 in Ketchikan
- [Alaska Workforce Investment Board](#), October 29-30, 2015 in Fairbanks

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