



Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan

January 2015 UPDATE

Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) Steering Committee – Notes from January 16th Meeting

- With the implementation of the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan underway, the University of Alaska (UA) is moving from a role of coordination to education provider. UA did not extend the coordinator contract. Instead, they are offering the IAC \$25,000 in remaining funds and requesting a similar match from industry. The combined funds would be used for coordination to further the plan's implementation. The IAC Steering Committee recently met to discuss the transition and UA's offer. They agreed to further develop the concept for review by the full IAC. The IAC needs to consider the offer and decide on a plan of action. Included with this newsletter is a short description of a draft plan.
- A Legislative Lunch and Learn to present the Alaska Maritime Workforce Plan is scheduled for Monday, February 16th at the Capitol Building in Juneau. Members of the IAC will present the plan and will also likely present to the House Fisheries Committee the following day. If you are in Juneau, please consider helping with the presentation or attending these events. Contact [Paula Cullenberg](#) for more details.
- The IAC Steering Committee discussed hosting a teleconference of the full committee in February and scheduling a face to face meeting in the fall of each year.
- As of February 15th Kris Norosz is done as co-chair and will remain on the IAC. At the Feb. 3rd IAC teleconference a new co-chair will need to be selected.

Update on Working Groups

Three working groups have formed and are active in implementing the Maritime Plan: [Vessel Repair and Maintenance](#) led by Alan Fugleberg and LA Holmes (UAA Kodiak College) with Eric Clock of AVTEC; [Refrigeration](#), led by Dan Mielke, UAA MatSu and Eric Clock, AVTEC; and [Career Awareness](#), led by Fred Villa, UA Workforce Programs. [Vessel Engineering and Licensing](#) efforts are also getting underway, led by Terry Federer of AVTEC and Dale Miller of UAS-Ketchikan. Each working group includes participants from UA, industry and training centers. If you would like to participate in a working group, please contact the chairs. Thank you for your time and effort to work together.

Recognition

The AMWP has been recognized by Lloyd's List as a North American Training category award finalist. Announcement can be found at <http://www.lloydslist.com/ll/awards/>.

Ammonia Refrigeration Class



Five attendees with instructor Dan Mielke from UAA MatSu campus

An Ammonia Refrigeration class was delivered December 15-22 in Kodiak as a result of the [Refrigeration Working Group's](#) progress. Dan Mielke, faculty for UAA MatSu campus, taught the class at the UAF Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center to five attendees. Here is one of the great reviews received: *"This has been an awesome experience – from the teaching to the hospitality" of the Marine Center!*"

The Refrigeration Working Group reports AVTEC recently purchased a Transas RPS400 refrigeration simulator with six workstations. They plan on incorporating it into their current four-month course and expect to use it in a stand-alone course or two week ammonia program.

Recent Articles

- [SitNews: Twelve Complete Maritime Multi-Skilled Worker Program](#)
- [KMXT 100.1 FM - Public Radio for Kodiak Island, Alaska. - Workshop Focuses on Quality Seafood](#)
- [UAS fish tech program has in-state focus | Juneau Empire - Alaska's Capital City Online Newspaper](#)
- [Fisheries degrees become more accessible to rural Alaskans](#) (Training opportunities can be found [here](#).)

Upcoming Events

- Alaska Workforce Investment Board meeting in Juneau on February 2nd and 3rd. Doug Ward and Fred Villa will be present to update the board.
- Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Lunch and Learn scheduled in Juneau on February 16th.
- Presentation to House Fisheries Committee; details are being finalized for possibly February 17th.
- PTA Convention presentation on Alaska's Workforce Development Plans to build awareness is scheduled for April 17th in Anchorage.
- IAC will meet via teleconference in February 3rd from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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