

Maritime Works: An Alaska Careers Partnership

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

JUNE 2015 UPDATE

Update from Maritime Works Steering Committee

- Members of the Maritime Works Steering Committee attended the [National Fund for Workforce Solutions' 5th Annual Meeting](#) in Baltimore, Maryland June 17-19, 2015. The meeting brought together almost 500 employers, policymakers, and foundation funders from across the nation to share ideas, discuss common issues, and develop shared solutions. Learn more about the National Fund Model [here](#) and [here](#). Maritime Works is committed to implementing proven [national strategies and best practices](#) for workforce investment and development. Through these National Fund practices, Maritime Works will move Alaskans into high demand, high wage careers while providing employers with a knowledgeable, skilled, and competitive workforce.

General Updates

- In Southeast Alaska, Maritime Works is collaborating with the Alaska Construction Academy (ACA), the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Civil Rights Office, Vigor Alaska, the University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Campus, Prince of Wales Vocational and Technical Education Center and school districts in Ketchikan, Wrangell, Prince of Wales Island to prepare youth and adults for careers in the marine industrial support sector. In June, Maritime Works met with representatives of Wrangell High School and several local businesses to discuss opportunities to expand maritime workforce development. Discussion topics included the marine industrial pre-apprenticeship program, the potential for a "voc-ed career track" within the school system and ongoing efforts with the ACA and the NCCER program.

- Following the National Fund strategy of business led collaboration, Vigor Alaska's Marine Industrial Pre-Apprentice Program advances NCCER Construction Skill



curriculum as an affordable standard platform for youth and adults desiring to pursue careers in Alaska's fast growing marine industrial support sector. Kaila Del Rosario (pictured), a recent Ketchikan High School graduate and participant in the pre-apprenticeship program, is beginning her career at the Vigor Alaska shipyard in Ketchikan. Kaila

attended Alaska Business Week hosted by the Alaska Chamber in 2014. As a result of that experience, Kaila hopes to pursue a college degree after learning about shipbuilding in Ketchikan.

- Maritime Works and the Ketchikan Marine Industry Council (KMIC) have partnered to advance implementation of the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan. In June KMIC, through a grant from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, contributed \$5,000 to assist Maritime Works in its efforts.
- The training opportunities page on Maritime Works' website has been updated to reflect several training opportunities available this fall and in early 2016. Please visit <http://www.akmaritimejobs.com/training-opportunities.html> for more information.

Working Groups

Five working groups are active in implementing the Maritime Plan. If you would like to participate in a working group, please contact the chairs. Their information along with updates, as they become available, can be found at:

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

Recent Articles & Information

- [Alaska Business Monthly: Southeast Alaska Maritime Economy Grows](#)
- [Alaska Salmon Alliance: Seafood industry a significant economic driver in Southcentral Alaska](#)
- [United States Department of Labor: States share \\$138 M to strengthen, expand innovative job training and reemployment strategies for laid-off workers](#)
- [SitNews: Fisheries economists meet in Ketchikan](#)

Upcoming Events

- [AVTEC Refrigeration Course](#), August 17 – December, 2015 in Seward
- [UAS Maritime & Multi-Skilled Worker Training](#), September 21 - December 11, 2015 in Ketchikan
- [2015 North American World Maritime Day](#), October 5-7, 2015 in Maryland
- [Alaska Seafood Processing Leadership Institute](#), November 9-13, 2015 in Kodiak

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