

“Mariner’s Employment Guide”



The Complete Navigation Guide to Maritime Employment

by James Laurence Pelletier/Marine Techniques Publishing

The only complete navigation guide to fresh and salt water maritime, aquatic employments. It takes you through a step-by-step process that is listed in both layman and nautical terms. Pelletier fully describes the civilian merchant marine/naval service, giving its history, its present situation, and projections for the future. The book clearly explains the full spectrum of the merchant marine, from small passenger vessels that carry six or less passengers for hire to large passenger vessels that carry thousands of passengers, from towboats that ply the waters of the Western Rivers and harbors to freighters, crude oil, chemical tankers and containerships, that cross the seven seas, from crewboats working in the Gulf of Mexico “oil patch” to supply boats that service oil and gas rigs worldwide. Merchant marine employment, as the Guide’s nucleus, is handled in a very thorough manner how ever, the book also covers shipyard and recreational boat building, repair & manufacturing careers, marine biology, oceanography, ocean engineering, geology, geophysics, naval architecture, naval engineering, ocean engineering, chemical & petroleum engineering, commercial diving, ROV’s (remotely operated vehicles), commercial and sport fishing & charter, marine surveyors/investigators, commercial yachting, culinary arts & hospitality management and more.

This book contains: 33 illustrations - 304 marine position descriptions & salary ranges - 70 national/international contacts listed - 620 marine/aquatic schools listed - 145 marine/aquatic employment unions and agencies listed - 512 marine/aquatic associations listed - 162 marine/aquatic publishers listed - 152 marine/aquatic bookstores listed and 1,525 entries of marine and aquatic words and terms glossary

by **James Laurence Pelletier**
U.S. Merchant Marine Staff Officer and Marine Engineer

“This book should be on the bookshelf of not only every active merchant mariner, but also in the libraries of every high school and every guidance counselor’s office in the country. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is seeking employment or who is already employed in the merchant marine.” *Captain John F. Whiteley, Director of The Inland Waterways Academy at Marshall Community and Technical College - Huntington, West Virginia* **Web: www.marshall.edu/ctc/www/programs/inlandwaterways.shtml**

“As the largest website of maritime employment, we serve both experienced merchant mariners as well as those looking to start a career. Therefore, we recognize a great guide when we see one. The Mariner’s Employment Guide is, by far, the most extensive summary of U.S. Marine employment and its lucrative career paths. Whether you are interested in bluewater, brownwater or offshore, buying this Guide is money well spent.” *Mr. Jim Ireland, President of MaritimeEmployment.com - Houston, Texas* **Web: www.MaritimeEmployment.com/**

“As a professor of nautical science, and Master of the offshore marine technology training vessel R/V Dan Moore here at Cape Fear Community College, I heartily commend you for the comprehensive scope of your work. It should be a tremendous asset to any aspiring candidate for employment in the vast, and often complex, maritime, marine science, and marine technology fields. I offer a sincere closing salute for your tremendous achievement in authoring this vital work. Pending the final preparation of the 10th Edition, I will await your guidance on the ways that we may provide a home for three copies.” *Captain Steve Beuth, Professor of Nautical Science and Master of the offshore marine technology training vessel R/V Dan Moore at Cape Fear Community College - Wilmington, North Carolina* **Web: http://cfcc.edu/programs/mar_tech/ and <http://cfcc.edu/programs/boatbuilding/>**

“The Mariner’s Employment Guide is an excellent informational tool for anyone wanting to learn about the maritime industry. I will make it available in our library for our students, faculty and visiting guidance counselors to use as a valuable resource.” *Captain Richard G. Youcis, Director of Career Services and Cadet Shipping Program at Maine Maritime Academy - Castine, Maine* **Web: www.mma.edu/**

“I referenced an early edition of The Mariner’s Employment Guide when I was a young cadet, just graduating Kings Point and hungry for a job. Now, 20 years later, I am impressed by the many improvements and enhancements made to this new edition, especially the excellent distillation of STCW and USCG requirements and clear information on career tracks. I have yet to find a more comprehensive or well organized marine employment guide anywhere. This book is an invaluable resource to anyone searching for or even just considering maritime employment. I heartily recommend this text to all maritime training centers, libraries, and high school counselors. As I work primarily with senior cadets at the California Maritime Academy, I will be recommending this Guide to my students as they begin their job searches. You have really done an outstanding job, and I commend your efforts.” *Captain Tuuli Messer-Bookman, Esq., Associate Professor - Marine Transportation Department at the California Maritime Academy - Vallejo, California* **Web: www.maritime-education.com/**

“Congratulations on producing your outstanding Mariner’s Employment Guide. As the largest fresh water port in the world, the Port of Philadelphia provides thousands of jobs that underpin our region’s economy. We created the Maritime Academy Charter High School in 2003 hoping to open doors of opportunity for inner city students to learn about and aspire to careers in maritime industries and become functioning members of this area’s vibrant maritime economy. Your employment guide is a solid answer to our need to have a single, comprehensive source for our staff and students to get information about maritime employment opportunities, where the jobs are, how to get them, and what they pay. It’s a wonderful volume that we expect to use in our maritime career exploration classes with our high school freshmen and with parents who can help guide their children to strive for maritime careers. Thank you for providing us with an excellent learning tool.” *Dr. Ann Gillis-Waiters, Chief Executive Officer at the Maritime Academy Charter High School - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania* **Web: <http://www.maritimecharter.org/>**

“This edition is an outstanding example of a well-thought-out and well-laid-out reference manual. It is representative of every area of the maritime industry and will aid both the beginner and the Master that may be on his 5th issue. All areas including maritime history, service requirements, and differing vessel types and sizes. Practical topics range from Coast Guard procedures to employment opportunities with pay scales. Information is backed up with reference links for each area covered. This manual is a “must have” for every reference library. I highly recommend it to those seeking guidance in this field.” *Captain Carl Moore, Marine Operations Coordinator at the Louisiana Technical College, Young Memorial Campus - Morgan City, Louisiana and Approved by: Mr. Gregory L. Garrett, Regional Director* **Web: www.youngmemorial.com/marine.htm and www.coastguardtraining.com/**

"Jim: Just wanted you to know that I finally had time to take a look at The Mariner's Employment Guide. I think it is a comprehensive document with up to date information that should be very helpful to those in the maritime fields who are seeking employment or trying to figure out how certain jobs fit into organizations. What I personally found very helpful about the book was the list of schools with marine related programs. This was particularly helpful in deciding on which schools offered what sorts of curricula for on board training, and for marine and oceanographic training. Thanks for asking me to review this directory. Good luck with printing and distributing it. *Maggie L. Merrill, Editorial Director, Marine Technology Reporter Magazine, New York, New York* Web: www.seadiscovery.com/

"Hello Jim, Yes, I have received the book. . . tremendous job, I am woowed! A lot of dedication and work resulting in a great product, Jim. I hope you understand when I say that I may become learned in the Mariners way as a direct result of reading an intriguing and interesting volume of work as you have put together! Truthfully, I just began skimming and found myself saying time and time again "wow, that's interesting!" Thank you for having me involved in so powerful a body of information. Thank you for the honor of inclusion in your book and I am proud to say it has found its place in our entry hallway, displayed on a table beside my favorite reading chair." *Jos Van Poederooyen, Inpix Business Solutions, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada* Webs: www.viewsandmuse.com/ and www.inpix.biz/

"Employment guide helps maritime workers navigate waters of the trade If you're thinking of jumping ship to escape the confines of your maritime or office job, hold off just long enough to get your hands on a copy of this guide. Painstakingly researched and compiled by U.S. Merchant Marine Staff Officer and Marine Engineer James Laurence Pelletier, the "Mariner's Employment Guide" may be the shot in the arm of your maritime career. If you're new to the field, even better: Try starting with the succinct and straightforward history, current conditions and forecast for the U.S. maritime trade. This directory is laid out to take you step by step through a variety of merchant mariner, U.S. Coast Guard, and educational/training opportunities. But it also covers careers in the yards, marine biology, oceanography, commercial diving and fishing, surveying and much more. Within these various fields, Pelletier reviews average salaries, entry-level procedures, training requirements and options, national and international contacts, bookstores, and employment agencies, among many other features. The vast range of information in this guide is accessible and invaluable. Whether you're an experienced merchant mariner, a guidance counselor or a frustrated cubicle dweller, get a copy for your shelf." *NF Jessica Hathaway, Associate Editor, National Fisherman Magazine, page 5 January 2007 issue.* Web: www.NationalFisherman.com/

"Mariner's Employment Guide - The Complete Navigation Guide to Maritime Employment. Here's one job hunting guide you won't find in every Resource Room! This 598-page book covers the full spectrum of jobs in the merchant marine, from small passenger vessels and towboats to huge cruiseships, freighters and tankers. It covers basic entry level procedures, licensing and other requirements. It contains more than 300 maritime job descriptions and salary ranges, and over 1,700 listings for marine/aquatic employers, schools, employment agencies, associations, publishers, and bookstores. In addition to merchant marine employment, the book also covers careers in ship-yards, marine biology, oceanography, ocean engineering, geology, geophysics, naval architecture, commercial diving, commercial and sport fishing, marine surveyors, commercial yachting and more. An aging workforce and growing international trade have combined to create a potential shortage of merchant seaman." *Mr. C. Paul Mendez, President, National Association of Workforce Development Professionals, Washington, DC, page 10 January 2007 NAWDP Newsletter Volume 20 No. 1.* Web: www.nawdp.org/

Letter dated: 25 January 2007. "Dear Mr. Pelletier, Thank you for your letter of 15 January 2007 transmitting two copies of the 2007 edition of the "Mariner's Employment Guide" and related articles. The courtesy of your gesture is appreciated. I trust that your book (which will enrich our Library) will inspire young men and women to pursue a career at sea. As you know, IMO, with the assistance of the World Maritime University (WMU) and the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), supports administrations in developing countries in all affairs maritime but much more needs to be done and your contribution is greatly valued. I know I can count on your continued support in any way you are able to." *Yours sincerely, E. E. Mitropoulos, Secretary-General, International Maritime Organization, London, England, United Kingdom.*" Web: www.imo.org/

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Revised and published by Jim Pelletier, U.S. Merchant Marine Staff Officer and Marine Engineer, this book is the mariner's complete guide and source book to employment aboard Merchant Marine vessels within the maritime industry.

- Step-by-step instructions for getting started in training, obtaining certification, and securing maritime employment
- Position descriptions, training and salary information for additional and marine-related jobs from tugs to coasters, from oceanography to engineering, and from recreational yachting to offshore energy development
- Information for managing a maritime professional career and advancing through employment levels
- Directory of resources for training academies, educational institutions, marine employment agencies, associations and organizations, journals and publications

"Just the lightness the real valuable direction and instruction are given long before an incident may occur." *Jim Forthweyer*

"Clearly explains the full spectrum of the merchant marine, from small to large passenger vessels, from tugboats that ply the waters of western rivers to freighters that cross the ocean seas, from crew boats to supply boats. Highly recommended for anyone who is seeking employment or is already employed in the merchant marine." *Captain John F. Whitney, Director, The Inland Waterways Academy at Marshall Community and Technical College*

"Both engaging in scope and user-friendly, this book should be a tremendous asset to any seeping candidate for employment in the vast, and often complex, maritime, marine science, and marine technology fields. A necessary dose of reality." *Captain Steve Smith, Professor of Applied Science, Marine Technology Dept., Coast Fire Community College*

"An excellent informational tool for anyone wanting to learn about the maritime industry. A valuable resource." *Captain Richard G. Youis, Director Career Services/Cadet Shipping Program, Maine Maritime Academy*

"I have yet to find a more comprehensive or well organized marine employment guide anywhere. I am impressed by the many improvements and enhancements made to this new edition. This book is an invaluable resource." *Captain Todd Masten-Bloomer, Skip, Albatross, Prof. Marine Transportation Department, California Maritime Academy*

"A solid answer to our need to have a single, comprehensive resource for our staff and students to get information about maritime employment opportunities, where the jobs are, how to get there, and what they pay. An essential learning tool." *Dr. Ann Givis-Waters, Chief Executive Officer, Maritime Academy Charter High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

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