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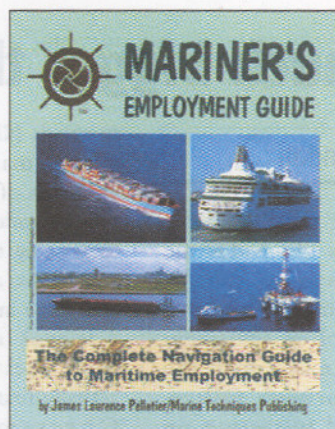
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**Employment guide helps maritime
workers navigate waters of the trade**

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.

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By James Laurence Pelletier
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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**

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