

Becoming a Merchant Mariner:

Steps for acquiring an entry level **Ordinary Seaman**

Merchant Mariner Credential

(from the United States Coast Guard National Maritime Center)



YMFTA

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A Program of Puget Sound Maritime

Training	<p>Training: Basic Safety Training—5 days</p> <p>Basic Safety Training (BT): is an STCW training course required of all mariners. Course topics include: Personal Survival, Firefighting, First Aid, Personal Safety</p> <p>Frequency: Every 5 years</p>	Course Providers
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Training	<p>Training: Vessel Personnel with Designated Security Duties—1 day</p> <p>VPDSD is an STCW training course required of all mariners. Course topics include: Vessel Security</p> <p>Frequency: One time only</p>	Course Providers
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Application	<p>Application: Apply for a Transportation Worker Identification Card</p> <p>A TWIC is a federal ID card required of all merchant mariners. You will need your card to apply for your MMC, and later to access terminals and port security</p>	Apply Here
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Medical	<p>Complete a USCG Physical and Drug Test</p> <p>Your primary care provider can perform the physical and complete USCG Form 719K. The drug test will need to be completed by a USCG approved provider along with USCG 719P</p>	USCG Forms
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Application	<p>Application: Apply for your Ordinary Seaman Merchant Mariner Credential</p> <p>An Ordinary Seaman is the entry level rating for a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) Your MMC is valid for five years. Upon completing training and acquiring seetime you can upgrade.</p>	Application Package
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Join a union!	<p>Many Maritime Unions have hiring and dispatch halls that assist you in hiring on with a maritime company. Some of the unions in the Pacific Northwest are:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"></div>
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