

## “Mariner’s Employment Guide”



The Complete Navigation Guide  
to Maritime Employment

by James Laurence Pelletier/Marine Techniques Publishing

The only complete navigation guide to maritime employment. It takes you through a step-by-step process that is listed in both layman and nautical terms. Pelletier fully describes the merchant 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 tow boats that ply the waters of the Western Rivers 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 however, the book also covers shipyard careers, marine biology, oceanography, ocean engineering, geology, geophysics, naval architecture, commercial diving, commercial and sport fishing, marine surveyors, commercial yachting and more.

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

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“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*

“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, brown-water or offshore, buying this Guide is money well spent.” *Mr. Jim Ireland, President of MaritimeEmployment.com - Houston, Texas*

“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 Benth, 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*

“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*

“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*

“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*

“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*

**“We would love to receive a copy of your book when it is completed - it would serve as a great reference tool for us as well as our students. Thank you. *Jill Schwab, Delgado Community College, Maritime, Fire & Industrial Training Facility - Mandeville, Louisiana***

**“Our program deals with the mechanical side of the industry as well as the seamanship side. FKCC also has two other programs that are world class marine programs. The Diving Business & Technology program and the Marine Environmental Technology Program. We wish you success with your book. Our industry needs a good reference book like yours. *Timothy A. Jones, Director & Advisor, Florida Keys Community College, Marine Engineering & Seamanship Department, Key West, Florida***