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**UNITED  
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MERCHANT  
MARINE  
ACADEMY**





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You want more than just a job, a routine or a paycheck. You aspire to a career that's worth doing — one filled with responsibility, challenges and adventure.

You crave a program filled with options and opportunities to achieve your goals. You want to serve your country in the maritime industry and the U.S. military.

**The Academy at Kings Point develops leaders and prepares its graduates for careers that are, literally, limitless.**





# USMMA – WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE.



The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy is the premier maritime academic institution where you will receive the skills and expertise necessary to become a highly trained leader in the maritime industry. USMMA, referred to as Kings Point or the Academy, prepares students for diverse careers through a demanding, comprehensive and stimulating curriculum and an experiential, hands-on training approach to learning.



## A Day in the Life

Academy life is both challenging and demanding, but also incredibly rewarding. The Academy's regimental life instills integrity, discipline and character. As a member of the Regiment of Midshipmen, you will be expected to follow rules, schedules and instructions. Duties and responsibilities will change as you rise in seniority and assume leadership roles. During your four years at the Academy, you will face constant challenges and new experiences, while being presented with amazing opportunities to see the world. Friendships are formed and strengthened by shared challenges and traditions.



## Mission:

To educate and graduate **leaders of exemplary character** who are inspired to serve the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States as licensed Merchant Marine Officers and commissioned officers in the Armed Forces.

## Degree and Credential Awarded:

All USMMA graduates earn a **Bachelor of Science degree** and a **Merchant Marine officer license**.



## Faculty:

135 faculty with a **13:1 student-to-faculty** ratio

## Expenses:

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the U.S. federal government **pay nearly 100% of the costs** of the four-year education in return for a commitment to serve the nation as a licensed merchant mariner or member of the Armed Forces.

## More than a Grade.

It's not all about academics. There are a variety of clubs and extracurricular activities to advance your personal and career goals, such as the licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program and Guide Dog Training program. While USMMA's academic program is demanding, we are a Kings Point community with a true sense of camaraderie among midshipmen, faculty, staff and alumni.

## Campus:

The Academy is located on an 83-acre campus on Long Island's north shore, only **20 miles from New York City**.

## Enrollment:

USMMA enrolls approximately **280 men and women** each year for a total population of about **1,100 midshipmen**.



# BRIGHT FUTURES ON THE HORIZON



**No other federal service academy offers the career options that are available to our graduates.**

Immediately upon graduation, Kings Pointers can serve as reservists in the Navy's Strategic Sealift Officer Program while pursuing their careers in the maritime industry, or serve as active-duty officers in any branch of service. **Nearly 100% of graduates are gainfully employed shortly after graduation.** Graduates are often sought after for high-paying jobs in the maritime industry.


The three primary hiring categories for USMMA graduates include the **military, commercial shipping deep sea and offshore, and the inland waterway tug and barge industry.** About 30% of graduates from each class choose active military duty. About 70% percent of USMMA graduates choose to have very successful careers as civilian mariners aboard commercial vessels in the maritime industry

Kings Point graduates pursuing a career at sea initially sail as licensed Third Mates or Third Assistant Engineers. Shipboard careers exist on merchant vessels in deep-sea foreign and domestic trade.





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**The culmination of your four years at USMMA will be a milestone in your academic career.** As a USMMA graduate, you will be a United States Coast Guard licensed Merchant Mariner and Commissioned Officer. Additionally, you will be qualified to safely navigate U.S.-flagged merchant vessels in domestic and foreign waters or to serve active duty in one of the branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

**All graduates earn:**

- Bachelor of Science Degree
- Merchant Marine Officer License
- Officer Commission

**Kings Point graduates have the unique opportunity** among federal service academies—to apply to any branch of the Armed Forces for a commission as an officer in that service. About 25% of graduates have been commissioned as active duty officers in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army. Students also may apply for a commission in the Officer Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Once their service obligations are fulfilled, Kings Pointers go on to lead others within and outside the maritime industry.

**Every Kings Point graduate is a skilled leader** with integrity, discipline and expertise who either safely navigates U.S.-flagged merchant vessels in domestic and foreign waters or serves active duty in one of the branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Each stage of your four-year education at Kings Point helps you develop into a strong leader. You cultivate an in-demand skill set that prepares you for personal and professional success.







# GETTING TO THE POINT

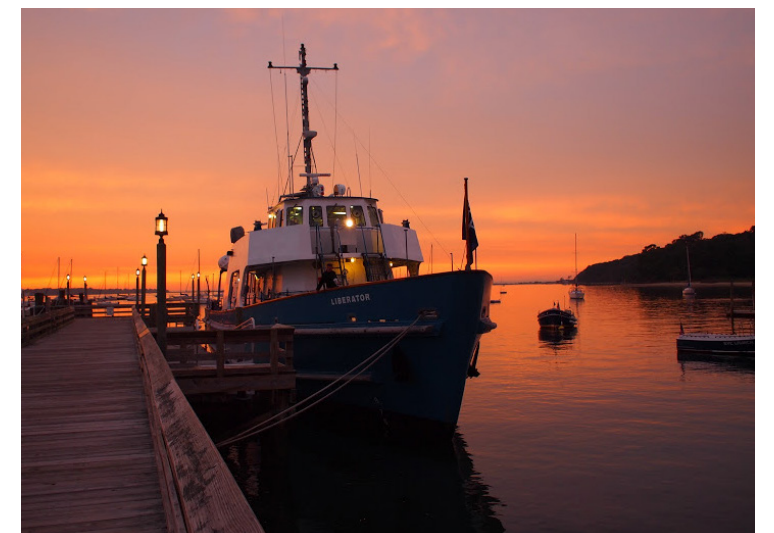
Your USMMA academic experience includes coursework that provides a nucleus of knowledge in key subjects. Depending on your major course of study, classes may include nautical science and maritime business management, maritime logistics and security, marine engineering and shipyard management.

Our small class sizes encourage individual attention from our expert faculty ensuring students enjoy professional mentoring and personal success.



## The Kings Pointer Hands-on Training

The flagship vessel of the USMMA fleet is the 176-foot, 484-ton training ship, the Kings Pointer. The Kings Pointer is not only available for routine training but also provides daily and overnight training cruises that complement your Sea Year curriculum. The Academy has over 80 training vessels in addition to the Kings Pointer. These state-of-the-art, specially equipped vessels are used to provide hands-on training and support of the Academy's curricular program.





# SETTING YOUR COURSE

You choose your major. Your options are from one of two departments: Marine Engineering or Marine Transportation. All academic programs under these departments are accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and two of our engineering programs are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

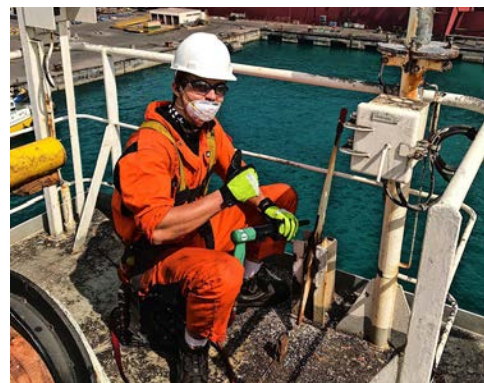


## MARINE ENGINEERING

The Marine Engineering department includes three majors: Marine Engineering, Marine Engineering Systems, and Marine Engineering and Shipyard Management. Successful completion of any of the following programs will lead to a United States Coast Guard third assistant engineer license.



- Marine Engineering is focused on shipboard engineering operations. This major concentrates on the operation, maintenance and repair of vessels.
- Marine Engineering Systems emphasizes marine engineering design. Graduates in this field are prepared for a variety of career options in ship systems and marine equipment design, research, construction, operations and more. A capstone project in your senior year may center on the design of a ship's mechanical systems.
- Marine Engineering and Shipyard Management highlights the management of ship construction and repair. The program's capstone project in your senior year may target development of a ship construction or ship repair project. Graduates of this major also complete an internship in a shipyard.

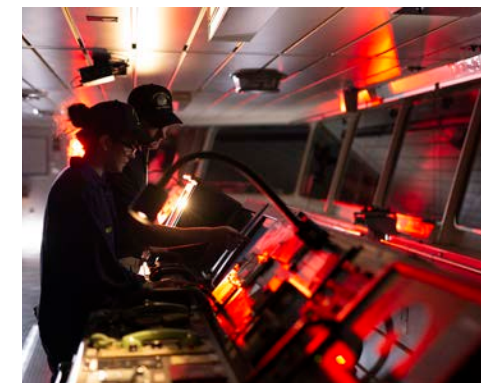


## MARINE TRANSPORTATION

The Marine Transportation department develops merchant marine officers who operate the vessels that are a major part of our country's commerce system. There are two academic majors under this discipline: Marine Transportation and Maritime Logistics and Security. Successful completion of either major leads to a United States Coast Guard third mate (deck officer) license.



- Marine Transportation provides midshipmen with the knowledge and skills needed to serve as deck officers aboard merchant ships. The major includes core courses in navigation, seamanship, marine safety, dry and liquid cargo operations, integrated navigation systems, meteorology, management, law, economics and transportation.
- Maritime Logistics and Security teaches midshipmen to manage complex maritime and intermodal supply chains and to help address the security challenges facing the marine transportation system. Key themes are the roles of ports and marine transportation in logistics and transportation systems, a systematic view of vessel and facility security, and development of a risk-based, decision-making perspective.







# COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND COOPERATION

Kings Pointers hail from throughout the nation, as well as several U.S. territories and foreign countries. In a graduating class of around 250, nearly 25% are women or people of color, and all students have diverse backgrounds.



## A Diverse Learning Experience

Learning to work seamlessly as a team is one of the basic requirements of midshipmen and is something the Academy excels at teaching. By the time you graduate, you will be truly well rounded, with friends from all walks of life, and will have experienced different cultures from all over the world.

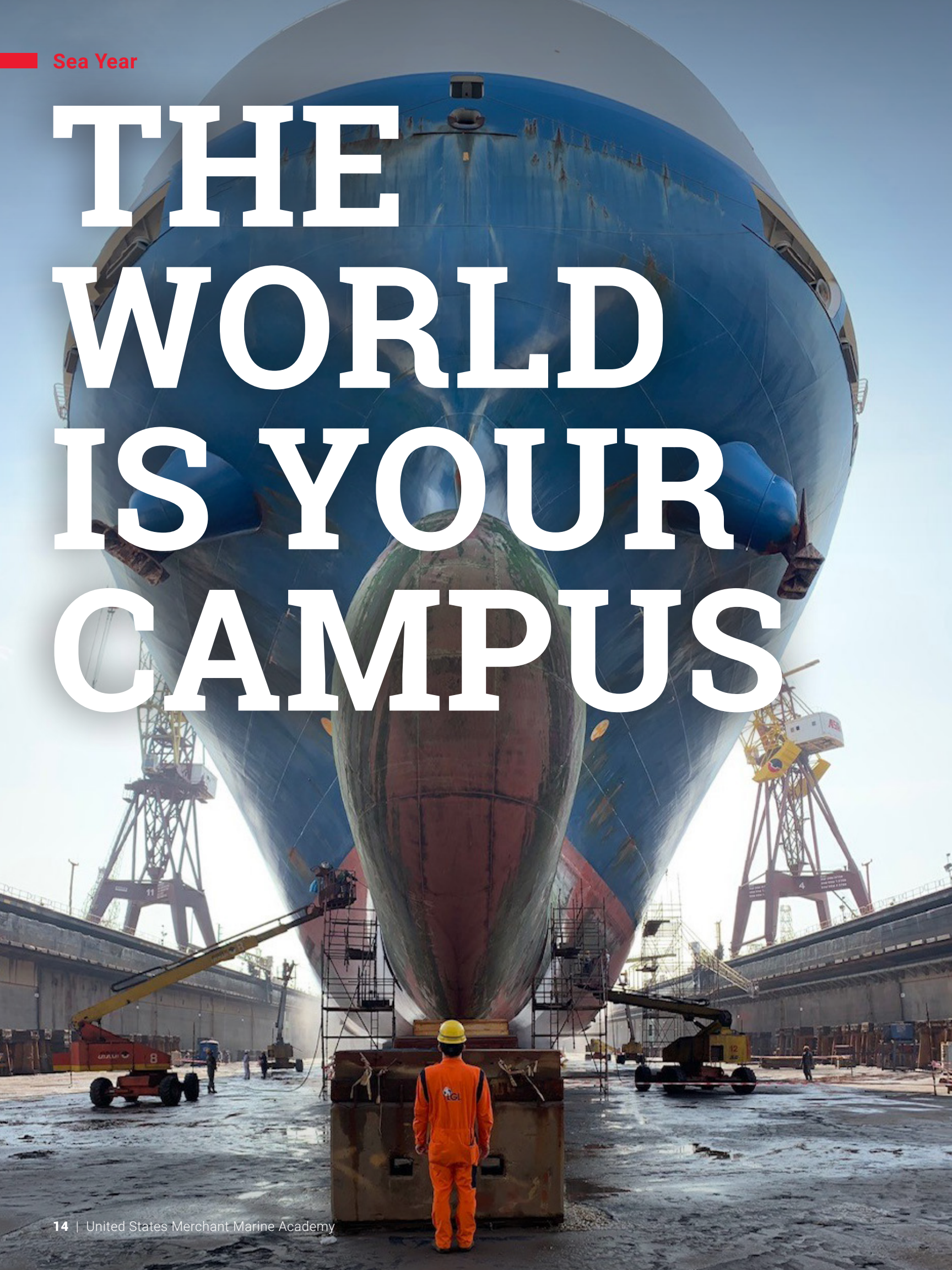


## Opportunities Abound

USMMA is proud of its reputation of expanding opportunities for women and minority midshipmen. Graduates have gone on to successful careers at sea and ashore. They have excelled as captains, chief engineers, nuclear engineers, naval architects, executives, admiralty lawyers, armed forces officers and more.



# THE WORLD IS YOUR CAMPUS



Sea Year is the highlight of the Academy's rigorous four-year curriculum. It's a time when midshipmen gain invaluable experience by traveling the world, gaining shipboard training and exploring foreign cultures, all of which contribute to their personal and professional growth.

## **Real Experience. Real Opportunity. Real Growth.**

It is as real as it gets — a one-of-a-kind opportunity where you truly learn what it's like to live and work aboard a ship. During this yearlong, paid adventure you'll work as either a deck cadet, experiencing everything from navigation and ship handling to cargo operations and administration, or as an engine cadet engaged in all aspects of propulsion and auxiliary machinery operation, maintenance and repair.

In our Sea Year program, you will get a year's worth of seagoing experience aboard the actual types of ships upon which you will serve as a licensed Merchant Marine Officer — a huge advantage for job opportunities.

You will be assigned to a merchant vessel with a fellow midshipman (whom you choose) and will work side by side with the ships' officers and crew.



# SEA YEAR FAQ

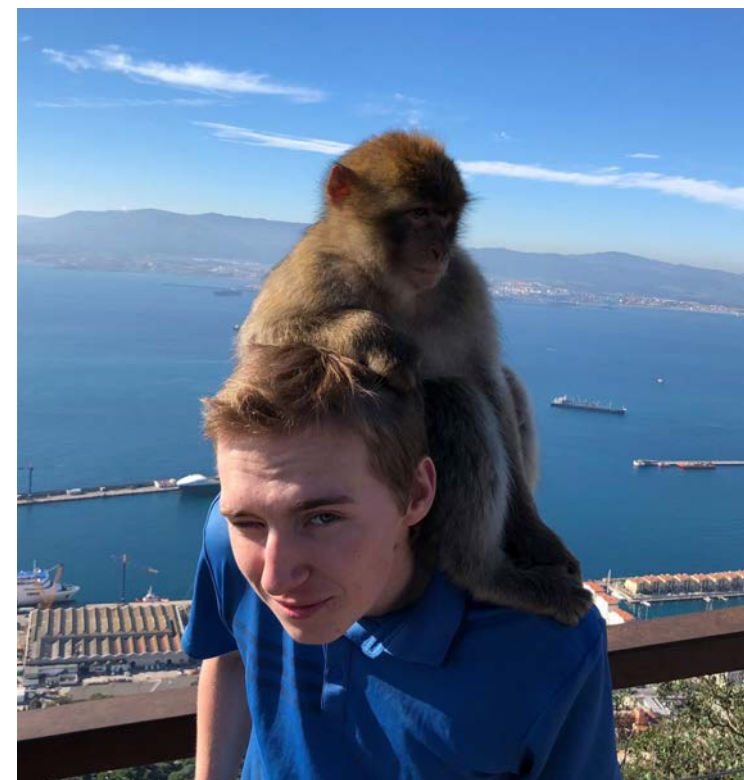
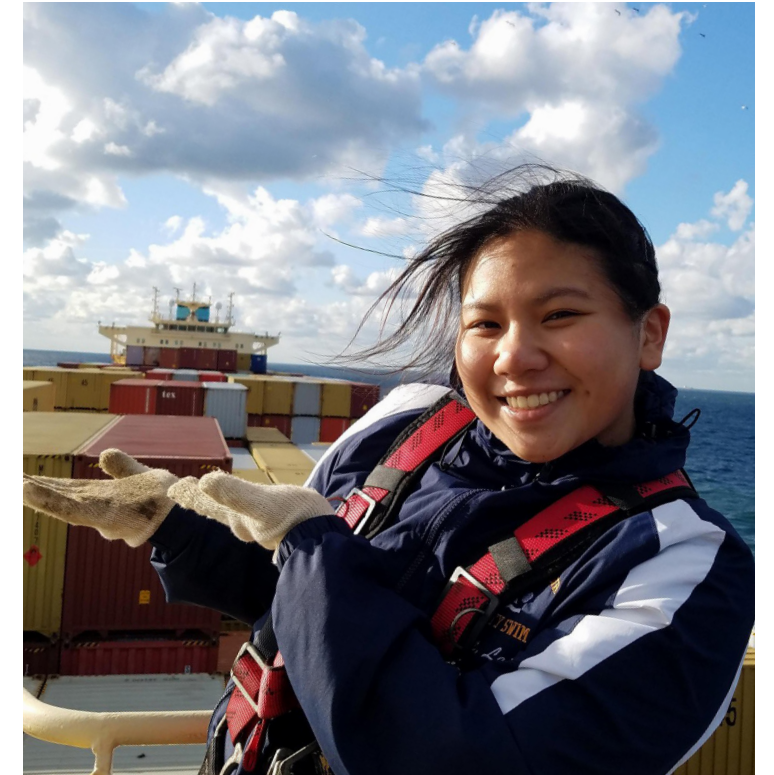
## Who participates in Sea Year?

Midshipmen complete their Sea Year between their third class (sophomore) and second class (junior) and in some cases, first class (senior) years at the Academy. The Sea Year is split into two sea periods. The first sea period is during sophomore year and lasts about 135 days. The second sea period is during junior year or senior year and lasts about 265 days. The goal is for each Engine Cadet to complete a minimum of 300 days of sea service, and Deck Cadets to complete 330 days.



## What will I be doing on the ship?

Midshipmen responsibilities during Sea Year vary significantly depending on the shipping company, commanding officer, ship and cargo type and a cadet's major course of study. Responsibilities for Deck Cadets can include assisting the Chief Mate with administrative tasks, deck work, cargo operations, navigation, and ship handling. Engine Cadets may find themselves helping the Chief Engineer in the operation, maintenance, and repair of a propulsion plant and other shipboard systems and equipment.



## Where do I travel during Sea Year?

Midshipmen sail to ports all over the world, including Antarctica, Central and South America, Scandinavia, Australia, Asia, the Middle East, India, Europe, the Mediterranean, Africa, the Caribbean and within the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii.



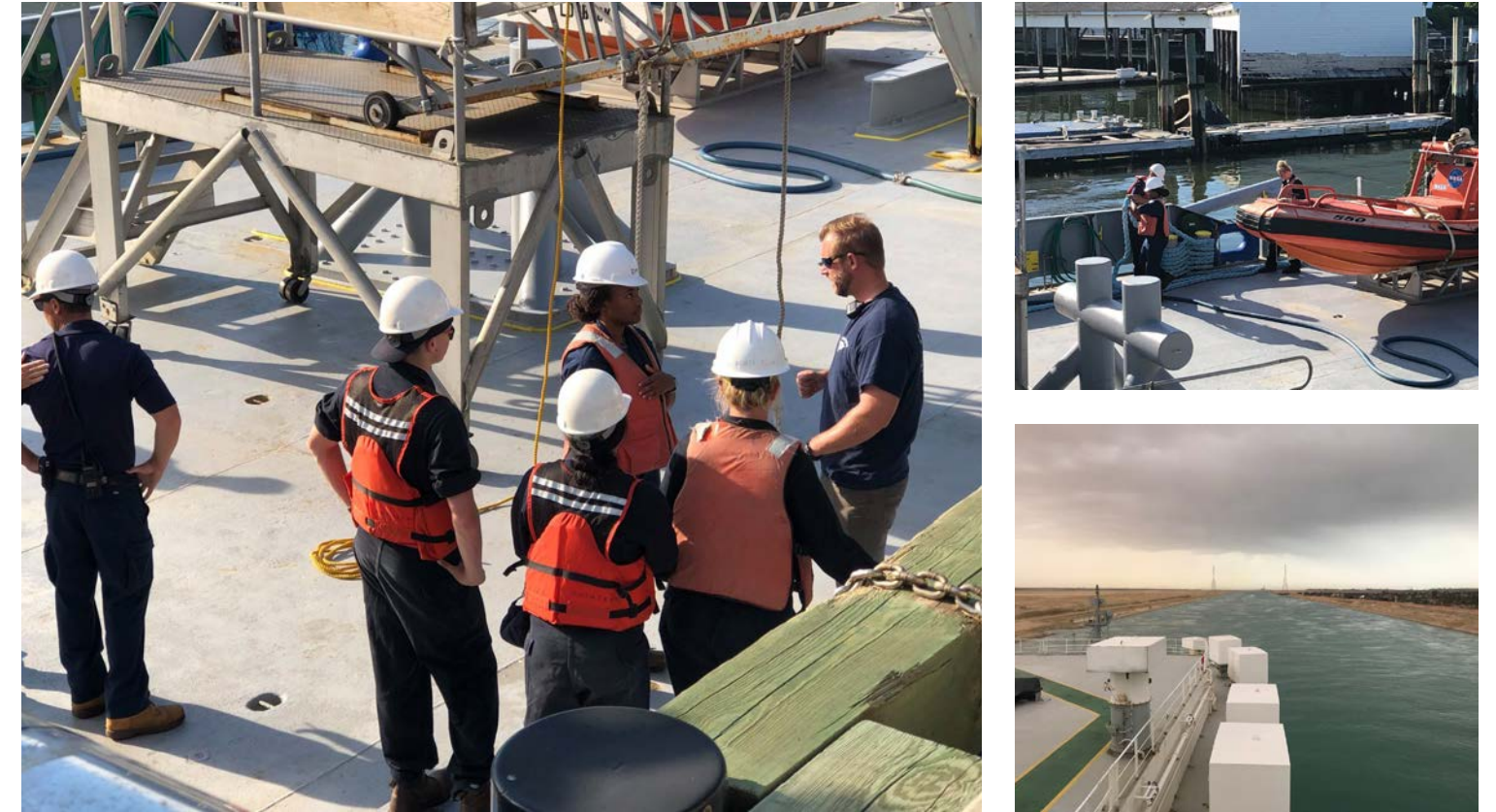
## What makes a Kings Point Sea Year so unique?

Sea Year continuously tests and shapes a midshipman's knowledge and character, in a real-life environment not available to the average college student. Through the Sea Year program, USMMA graduates have a full year of work experience in their field with demonstrated skills and confidence in their abilities.



# SEA WHAT YOU CAN DO IN A YEAR

The Sea Year Internship and Sea Project are important complements to your Sea Year experience.



## Sea Internship

The Internship Program follows your time aboard ship and increases your understanding of management's role in the maritime industry. During your second sea period, in your junior year, you'll spend between two and six weeks ashore to observe and participate in the management operations of a marine, transportation or engineering related organization.

You decide where to intern. Depending on your interest and major, you may be assigned to a shipping company, shipyard, ship repair facility, marine surveyor's office, towing company, port facility or a similar enterprise. Internship assignments are also available with shore-based commands of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Your internship is a great way to learn the business side of the maritime profession and to make valuable connections for careers after graduation. Internships can bridge the gap between seagoing and shore-side opportunities. Midshipmen can observe their chosen organizations, assess their strengths and gain valuable skills and real-world experience.

## Sea Project

In addition to shipboard duties during your Sea Year, you will concurrently complete a Sea Project, an independent course of study. The Sea Project guides you through the design, operation and/or administration of a commercial vessel.

### The Sea Project is organized to help you:

- Investigate the construction and machinery of a vessel;
- Learn proper operating procedures;
- Develop the required skills of a Third Mate or a Third Assistant Engineer;
- Learn where and how to locate professional and technical information.

Your Sea Project is geared to fit your major so that you can apply the knowledge you receive in the classroom to your shipboard experience and vice versa.



# BEING A GOOD SPORT

Physical fitness and athletics are an important part of midshipman life at Kings Point. The Academy's extensive athletic program and waterfront activities round out your experience at USMMA. The Academy offers 19 Division III sports and is home to one of the nation's most successful waterfront training programs.



Men's Football



Men's Soccer



Women's Track & Field



Men's Wrestling



Men's Swimming & Diving



Women's Soccer



Men's Cross Country



Women's Cross Country



Women's Swimming & Diving



Men's Lacrosse



Women's Lacrosse



Men's Basketball



Women's Basketball



Men's Track & Field



Men's Tennis



Men's Baseball



Women's Volleyball

The Academy also offers a number of intramural and club sports, such as ice hockey, rugby and water polo, among others.



# SAIL AWAY WITH US

The Academy's waterfront program allows all students to compete in the following:



Varsity Intercollegiate Sailing



Varsity Rowing



Power Squadron



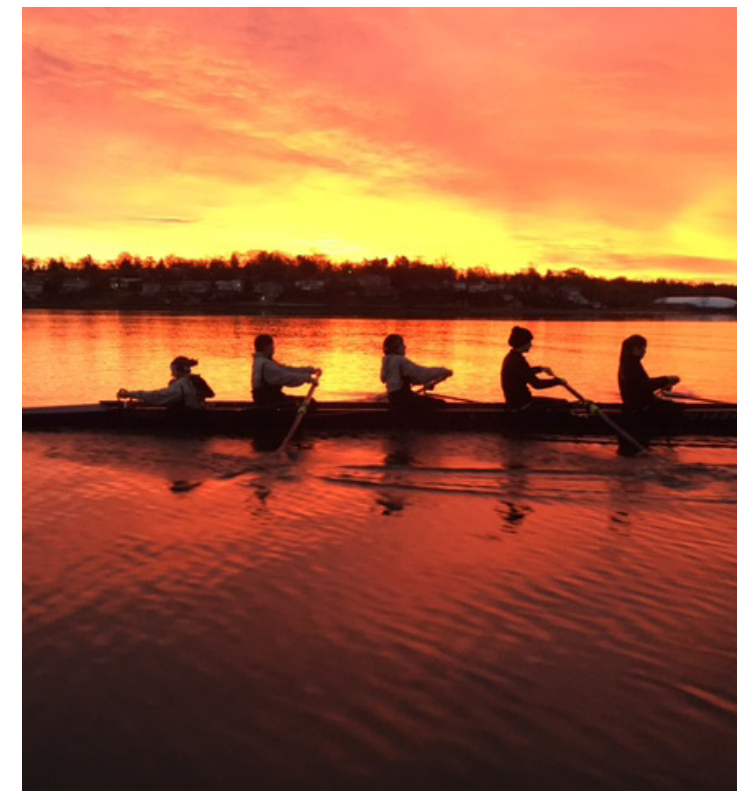
Varsity Offshore Sailing



Sailing Squadron



The Dinghy Sailing Team is the only team at USMMA competing at the Division 1 level, attending multiple National Championships annually.



The USMMA Rowing Team competes at the prestigious Dad-Vail and Head of the Charles Regattas annually.



Yearning to head offshore? Sailing to Bermuda or fishing at Hudson Canyon, USMMA Waterfront has you covered.



## Service Obligation

### In exchange for a world-class education, Academy graduates are obligated to:

- Serve as a merchant marine officer aboard ship for five (5) years
- Maintain or upgrade your U.S. Coast Guard license for six (6) years
- Serve as a commissioned officer in any armed forces reserve, usually the Navy Reserve, for at least eight (8) years

Alternatively, graduating midshipmen who apply for and are accepted into any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Space Force), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps (NOAA Corps), or the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (PHSCC) as a commissioned officer, can fulfill their service obligation by serving five (5) years on active duty in such branch.



## Admissions Requirements



### Each candidate must:

- Be a U.S. citizen and at least 17 years old, and not past 25 years, by July 1 of the year of admission.
- Meet the security, suitability and character requirements necessary for a commission in the U.S. Navy Reserve, as well as the requirements required by the U.S. Coast Guard for licensing.
- Qualify academically. The Academy considers SAT and/or ACT scores, high school transcripts and class rank, school official recommendations, and participation in extra-curricular activities.
- Qualify Medically. All candidates must meet the medical and weight standards for a commission in the U.S. Navy Reserve
- Qualify Physically. All candidates must pass the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA).
- Obtain a Congressional nomination. All candidates must be nominated to the Academy by a U.S. Representative or Senator from their state or territory.
- Submit a completed application by the deadline set by the Academy.



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