

Jobs at sea



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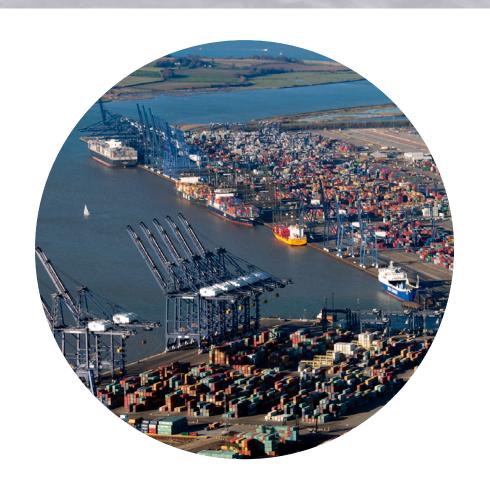


Starter Maritime jobs



Jobs at the port





The UK maritime industry supports over 957,300 jobs.

Look at this image of a busy port. Make a list of all the jobs that need doing in this environment.



The UK's maritime sector employs over 957,000 men and women in a huge variety of jobs, both at sea and on shore. Here are just a few examples:

The Merchant Navy is the term for commercial shipping and includes cargo ships, tankers and cruise ships. Jobs are varied and include Deck Officers and Engineering or Electro-Technical Officers, as well as those involved with catering and hospitality services.





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Engineering is all about problem-solving using specialist skills, such as maths, science, research and design, maintenance and production. Specifically, marine engineers are involved in the design, build, operation and maintenance of the engines and supporting machinery found in all vessels.





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Ports and harbours employ a wide range of people to ensure the smooth and effective movement of goods between ship and shore, including Harbour Masters, Marine Pilots, Vessel Traffic Service Operators, Ship Surveyors and Crane Drivers.





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The **leisure and superyachts** industry is growing very quickly; superyachts (a yacht over 24 metres) require whole teams to keep these multi-million luxury vessels afloat and in good running order as they sail the world in style.





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Naval architects are primarily involved in the design of vessels that move on or under the sea, from warships to drilling platforms to yachts.





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Seafishing and aquaculture is a multi-billion-pound industry in the UK. There's a wide range of jobs on offer, depending on the size of the vessel, the type of catch and the area of operation.





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The Royal Navy employs over 30,000 men and women to defend, protect and secure the nation's interests, whether delivering humanitarian aid or protecting UK forces in foreign waters.







Name: Megan Jones

Course: Superyacht Cadetship

After the course: Megan is now a crew member

onboard a superyacht

Trinity House runs a Superyacht Cadetship which offers an exciting alternative to university and could result in a well-paid job that includes travelling all over the world.

Since graduating from phase one of our five-phase Cadetship, Megan Jones has been part of the crew on a yacht. She has thoroughly enjoyed all the elements of this, including painting and on-board maintenance.





"Before coming to the United Kingdom Sailing Academy (UKSA) I was studying A levels in Biology, Chemistry and Maths at the Isle of Wight's Sixth Form Campus. Friends of mine had done courses at UKSA and as I wanted a career at sea, I decided to see what was on offer.

"I received funding from Trinity House and never looked back. I wanted to prove that I could do just as well as the men in this male-dominated industry – my massive passion for sailing drove me to try my hardest at everything."

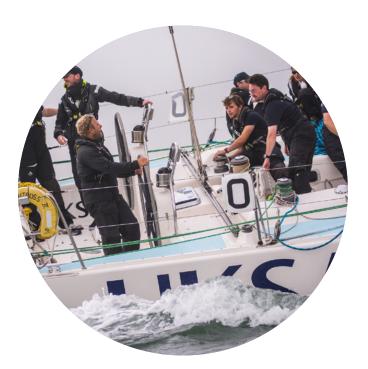




"While out at sea we spent a lot of our time on the 45ft yachts learning how to sail. We began with simple processes such as how to rig the vessel but we have now developed into confident sailors – we often took turns being the skipper.

"Much of our time was spent on the Solent getting ready for our Yachtmaster offshore practical exam and we travelled down to Falmouth to cross over to France. I have had a fantastic time sailing – once a pod of dolphins swam with the vessel."





"I have had the best six months and made the most amazing friends. My favourite memory is definitely the Farr trip, which was nine days of non-stop sailing. We had an outstanding crew, always keeping each other positive and helping each other out. If I was to give advice to someone following the same career path as me, I would say try your hardest at everything because you don't know who's on watch, and if a door opens, go through it – you don't know where it might lead!"



Which one of these subjects did Megan not study at A Level?



How big were the yachts Megan learned to sail on?



What did Megan explain once swam with the vessel?



How many days non-stop sailing did Megan spend on the Farr trip?

Activity 1 Just the job



Lighthouses





Trinity House has been providing lighthouses around England, Wales and the Channel Islands for the safety of the mariner for over 400 years.

Trinity House built its first lighthouse in 1609 and built many more over the following centuries on land and at sea.

Today, Trinity House owns and maintains 66 lighthouses along the coasts of England, Wales the Channel Islands and Gibraltar.

Extension: Letter writing



Letter writing Formal language



We use **formal language** when:

- Talking/writing to someone we do not know;
- Writing non-fiction such as instructions, explanations or reports;
- Writing formal letters.

Letter writing Informal language



We use **informal language** when:

- In conversation with someone we know;
- Writing an email or text to pass on a small amount of information to someone we know;
- Writing a letter to someone we know, to say thank you or let them know how we are doing.

Letter writing Format



- Your address should be displayed in the top right-hand section;
- The address of the person you are writing to should be displayed beneath your address on the left-hand side;
- The **Date** should be displayed on the right-hand side of the page on the line beneath your address and should be written in the full format, for example, 20 December 2019.

Letter writing Salutation and greetings



If you do not know the name of the person you are writing to, use the internet or other means to find the relevent name or form of address; if you cannot find this, use 'Dear Sir or Madam'. If you do know the name, use one of the following titles:

Mr for a male, **Mrs** for a married female, **Miss** for an unmarried female, **Ms** for a female if you don't know whether she is married, **Dr** for a person with the status of a doctor

This should be followed by the surname only (not the first name)

You may include a subject line after Dear Sir or Madam and the body of the text to show what your letter is about, such as 'Application for Lighthouse technician job'

Letter writing Finishing your letter



- Yours faithfully: if you do not know the name of the person, conclude your letter with 'Yours faithfully';
- Yours sincerely: if you know the name of the person, conclude with 'Yours sincerely';
- Your signature: sign your name and then print it underneath the signature.