

Maine's Maritime Industry Reflects Maine Values

JOBS COMMERCE SUSTAINABILITY WORKFORCE

Across the Gulf of Maine and along the Kennebec and Penobscot Rivers, Maine's economy moves. As a state with a proud maritime history, Maine's waterways remain vital to the health and efficiency of the state's economy.

With an eye to the future, Maine's investment in floating offshore wind could reshape the entire global offshore wind industry and make America a leader in developing this nascent source of clean energy.

Maine is also a leader in developing the future American maritime workforce, with the Maine Maritime Academy playing a critical role in fostering the talent of tomorrow's crew members. Thanks to the Jones Act, the demand for those skilled positions will never falter. The country's supply chain will always be able to rely on capable American mariners to move goods safely and efficiently.



The Maine Maritime Academy is one of seven U.S. colleges focused on preparing the next generation of American mariners. It boasts an above 90% job placement rate for graduates.





- Consistently high windspeeds in the Gulf of Maine makes Maine especially well positioned to reap the benefits of the burgeoning offshore wind industry.
- Nearly 4.6 million tons of petroleum products are moved by barge in Maine every year, powering transportation and commerce all over the country and the world.



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The maritime industry provides thousands of well-paying careers in Maine.
These non-exportable jobs offer strong opportunities for advancement – whether through study at institutions like Maine Maritime Academy or working up through the "hawsepipe" without the need for a college degree.



Tugboat captains are licensed every 5 years by the Coast Guard and have a minimum of 11,520 hours of training – more than a commercial airline pilot – ensuring the safety of the waterways.

Thanks to the Jones Act, goods moved on Maine waters are moved by American-owned, American-crewed, and American-built vessels. These vessels are the eyes and ears of the waterways – helping providing security to the nation.





MAINE ECONOMIC IMPACT

HOW DOES MARITIME SUPPORT MAINE JOBS?

2,700JOBS

\$134.6 MILLION
IN LABOR INCOME

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HOW DOES MARITIME BENEFIT MAINE'S ECONOMY?

\$550 MILLION TO MAINE GDP



ABOUT AWO

The American Waterways Operators is the tugboat, towboat and barge industry's advocate, resource and united voice for safe, sustainable and efficient transportation on America's waterways, oceans and coasts. Industry vessels move more than 665 million tons of America's commerce each year on the U.S. inland and intracoastal waterways, the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts and the Great Lakes.

For more information about the importance of waterway transportation, please contact AWO at (703) 841-9300 or visit AWO's website at www.americanwaterways.com.

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