Maritime Apprenticeships

This is a list of the specifically-maritime apprenticeships currently available. Many companies in the maritime sector employ apprentices in other fields, from engineering to marketing, which are not specific to the maritime industry, and we’ve not listed them here.

In each case we have set out the formal title of the apprenticeship, hyperlinked, on the right, alongside the description in lay terms which we’ve used on the left.

**AFLOAT**

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| **Level 2** | Deck and Engine Room Operatives (called “ratings”) on sea-going ships, especially ferries and cruise ships | [Able Seafarer (Deck)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/411724/MARITIME_-_Able_Seafarer__Deck_.pdf)[Able Seafarer / Tug Rating (Engine Room)](http://www.afo.sscalliance.org/frameworkslibrary/index.cfm?id=FR04100&back) |
| Deck operatives on inland waterways (especially the Thames in central London), both passenger & freight | [Rivers and Inland Waterways including limited distances to sea](http://www.afo.sscalliance.org/frameworkslibrary/index.cfm?id=FR04100&back) |
| Deck operatives on specialist workboats – small boats with 2/3 crew which (eg) support construction work, or take technicians to offshore windfarms | [Workboat Operations](http://www.afo.sscalliance.org/frameworkslibrary/index.cfm?id=FR04100&back) |
| **Level 3** | Junior officer on smaller vessels working near to the shore, such as tugs and workboats | [Office Of the Watch on Merchant Vessels of less than 500 Gross Tonnage (near coastal) including tugs](http://www.afo.sscalliance.org/frameworkslibrary/index.cfm?id=FR04100&back) |

**ASHORE**

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| **Level 2** | Boatbuilding skills – which cover modern yachts and superyachts, as well as specialist commercial boats and traditional designs.  | [Marine: Ship, Yacht, Boatbuilding Maintenance & Repair](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CIain%5CDownloads%5CEngineering_Manufacture_%28England%29_FR03846_15.pdf) |
| Composite specialist roles within boatbuilding. | [Composites Technician](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeship-standard-composites-technician) |
| Marina / Boatyard operatives | [Marinas and Boatyards](http://www.afo.sscalliance.org/frameworks-library/index.cfm?id=FR03245) |
| Port operations, which vary widely depending on the port: general cargo, specialist (eg oil, fish), passengers, etc | [Port operations](http://www.afo.sscalliance.org/frameworks-library/index.cfm?id=FR03245) |
| **Level 3** | Boatbuilding skills – which cover modern yachts and superyachts, as well as specialist commercial boats and traditional designs.  | [Boatbuilder](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/411727/BOATBUILDING_-_Boatbuilder.pdf) |
| Marine engineering, for both new builds and repair / refit and maintenance.  | [Marine engineer](https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/marine-engineer/) |

Other apprenticeships will be available later in the year, including Coastguard, Hospitality (at sea), Port Agent (ie people responsible for administering the flow of goods through ports), a Level 4 port management role (‘Port Marine Operations Officer’), and Marine Pilot.

There are very good prospects for advancement in all of these maritime occupations, where the ability to *apply* skills and knowledge and understanding is highly valued.

In addition to the above, there are also three-year programmes (called cadetships) leading to roles as junior officers in the Merchant Navy, certification as an “Officer Of the Watch” (which is recognised worldwide) and an HNC, HND or Foundation Degree as the underpinning academic qualification. You can find out more on the Careers At Sea website (see link below).

Good sources of further information:

[Careers At Sea](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cbmurraye%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CTREWM74Z%5Ccareersatsea.org)

[British Marine / Careers](https://www.britishmarine.co.uk/Careers/Marine-Apprenticeships)

[Maritime Skills Alliance / Apprenticeships](https://www.maritimeskills.org/Apprenticeships)