

Pre-Professional Opportunities

Youth Pathways to Maritime Jobs in the Puget Sound Region

Do your research and build a network of professional connections...

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High School Educational Programs

Class Name	Class Type / Grade Level / Description	Where is this Offered?	College Credit / Applicable Careers?
Ocean Research College Academy	An early college academy for high school juniors and seniors. ORCA uses the local marine environment as the unifying theme for all academic disciplines.	Everett Waterfront	Up to 2 years of college credit. Most students graduate with an associate's degree in addition to a high school diploma.
Youth Maritime Program	This free two-year program provides students a smooth transition through their senior year in high school toward college readiness. It helps build strong soft-skills and connects students with future career maritime opportunities.	King County Job Training and Education Center	Up to 4 quarters of maritime classes at area colleges, a summer internship, career navigation services, a financial stipend, and 80 service learning.
Salish Sea Semesters	The Salish Semester provides motivated high school juniors interested in science with an opportunity to step away from regular school into an in-depth semester-long journey to learn from the Salish Sea, its creatures, and its people.	UW Friday Harbor Labs	Credit and maritime activities available

High School / Youth Development Programs

Program Type / Name	Description / Opportunities	Learned Skills / Networking	Wage / Salary
Center for Wooden Boats Youth Development Programs	High School Program Assistant: Works with the Center for Wooden Boats in supporting field trips, youth sailing, livery, and visitor services	Job and maritime heritage skills	No payment
Youth Ocean Advocates	As a Youth Ocean Advocate, you will learn and teach about the marine environment, conservation, and advocacy techniques. You will participate in conservation projects with other Youth Ocean Advocates	Education skills, about the marine environment, and conservation techniques to preserve ecosystems	No payment
Salish Sea Sciences Summer Program	Salish Sea Sciences is a month-long summer program where high school students are immersed in marine science learning on San Juan Island in partnership with the UW Friday Harbor Labs. Includes a 5 day overnight longboat voyage in partnership with the Northwest Maritime Center.	Lab science, ecology, conservation, and the history of the Salish Sea	No payment

High School Internship Programs

My Future Job	Qualifications	Description	Wage / Salary
C. Keith Birkenfeld (Virginia V) Summer Internship Program	High schoolers 16+ Attendance at certain events is required	Introduces students to the skills and tasks required to operate and maintain a US Coast Guard inspected vessel and National Historic Landmark, and also provides students with an introduction to career opportunities in the maritime industry.	Pays \$15.75/hr

<p><u>Port of Seattle HS Internships</u></p>	<p>High schoolers 16+ who have demonstrated the ability to complete projects, have volunteered with community organizations, and/or participated in extracurricular activities</p>	<p>Collaborate and work with Port of Seattle employees and fellow interns to develop and manage community impact and port-specific projects. There are many different career focus areas to apply for, including Maritime</p>	<p>Pays \$15.75/hr</p>
<p><u>UW Oceanography Internship</u></p>	<p>Rising Juniors and Seniors in high school</p>	<p>3-week internship in active oceanography labs. A team-based approach to environmental sciences with emphasis on the biochemistry of the oceans</p>	<p>Stipend of \$1000</p>
<p><u>MOHAI Internship Program</u></p>	<p>Interest in history, strong communication skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite</p>	<p>At the Museum of History and Industry, students can learn about the history behind Seattle's maritime industry. Intern tasks include assisting with family programs, monitoring galleries, and completing a personal project.</p>	<p>Stipend of \$250 and MOHAI museum benefits</p> <p>Hours: 8 per week minimum</p> <p>Opportunities available in the fall, winter, and spring</p>
<p><u>Sound Experience Crew Internships</u></p>	<p>18+ years old, Interest in and desire to teach program areas of ecology, environmental awareness, and sailing; live in a close shipboard environment; take part in all aspects of operating the vessel; and work with youth and adults in promoting Sound Experience's mission.</p>	<p>Interns become active members of the crew. On-the-job training is provided and interns will take part in all aspects of programming, gaining valuable experience in environmental and marine science education, as well as sailing and vessel operations. Specific duties will include teaching, sailing, ship maintenance, assisting in the galley, and more.</p>	<p>Volunteer based</p> <p>One month onboard with included room and board</p>

High School Camps/Summits

Program	Age target/ Description	Location/time	Cost/Scholarship information
Ocean Heroes Bootcamp	At Ocean Heroes Bootcamp, students aged 11-18 are taken through the nine key pillars of programming to help them be successful campaigners, including: science education, global plastics policies, critical campaigning tools, “artivism”, media literacy, idea incubation & entrepreneurship, articulating impact, peer-to-peer leadership, and effectively communicating with corporations.	Location varies by year: Time: 3 days	\$90 registration fee + travel costs to/from location Some partial scholarships available
Washington Trust for Historic Preservation’s Youth Heritage Program	Youth Heritage Project is an annual multi-day (overnight) heritage field school that engages high school age youth and teachers by connecting them to historic, cultural, and natural resources in Washington.	Location varies by year: 2020 - Port Townsend Time: 3 days	Free

Digital Resources:

- [Youth Maritime Collaborative](#)
- [Map Your Career – Maritime](#)