

A special mission college within the Massachusetts state university system



Position: *Captain of the USCG inspected Schooner Ernestina Morrissey*

Posting: October 2020 **Start Date:** 01 January 2021
Position Number: FY21-02
Application Deadline: 15 November 2020
Division: Operations Division
Union affiliation: Association of Professional Administrators (APA)
Supervision received: Reports to the Director of the Marine Department
Supervision exercised: Supervises subordinate professional, classified, and student personnel in area of expertise

MMA is a fully accredited, four-year, co-educational state university offering Bachelor and Master of Science degrees that are highly regarded in the worldwide maritime industry and beyond. Located at the mouth of the scenic Cape Cod Canal, MMA is an hour's drive from the thriving urban communities of Boston and Providence and offers easy access to the pristine beaches of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

General responsibilities: The Captain of the SCHOONER ERNESTINA MORRISSEY is first and foremost, responsible for the safety and well-being of students who sail aboard the SCHOONER ERNESTINA MORRISSEY. This includes the safe navigation of the vessel as well as the condition of the vessel itself and that of the safety equipment onboard. The master must at all times practice a high level of situational awareness and be able to quickly exercise sound judgment consistent with the Rules of the Road and safe navigation. Instant responses to sudden weather conditions and other unexpected occurrences are necessary as well. Except for extended passages, "student officers" serve as required crew. Training of these officers in leadership as well as sailing skills is crucial to the structure and success of the SCHOONER ERNESTINA MORRISSEY Program. Responsible for the logistical aspects, maintenance and operation of the vessel in support of the Academy's programs. These include, but are not limited to, the fall and spring SCHOONER ERNESTINA MORRISSEY Crew, the Orientation at Sea Program. The Captain is also responsible for long-term plans and cost estimates for major shipyard work, refits, and improvements to equipment and the material condition of the vessel. Consultation with naval architect firms along with Coast Guard approval is required for all major work and/or changes to the vessel. The Captain also executes voyage planning in support of Academy academic programs and coordinates with marinas, customs and immigration offices and local operations in advance of port visits – both domestic and foreign. This includes schedules and routing, cost projections and crew interviewing and hiring. The Captain must coordinate with the Advancement Office in scheduling, planning and executing PR events – both at the Academy and during port visits away from Buzzards Bay.

Qualifications and requirements:

- Merchant Mariner's license of at least 500 GRT Master upon Oceans with auxiliary sail endorsement.
- Minimum of 3 years' experience as Master of similar sized traditionally-rigged tall ships.
- All USCG and STCW requirements associated with above license must be active and up to date: GMDSS, Basic Safety Training, Medical Care Provider (Medical first aid), Survival Craft and Rescue Boats, Advanced Firefighting, Medical Fitness, Unlimited Radar Endorsement
- Valid US Passport
- Valid US Transportation Worker's Identification Credential (TWIC) or qualifications to acquire one.
- Valid US driver's license
- Exceptional sailing skills
- Experience and background in vessel maintenance and operations particularly wooden vessels.
- Extensive experience in diesel engine operations, maintenance and repair.
- Prior command experience in similar-sized auxiliary sail vessels
- Enrollment in the Academy's random drug testing program

Salary: **\$65,000 - \$70,000.** The Academy offers generous benefits policies and a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. This position is exempt under FLSA.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, a resume, an MMA application, Affirmative Action form, and the contact information of five (5) professional references. These forms are located on the employment opportunities link under Human Resources on the MMA website www.maritime.edu. Application materials may be attached and sent electronically to hr@maritime.edu. Alternatively, you may send your application materials by USPS to: Human Resources, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532. Finalist must complete a pre-employment physical, drug screening and background check.

Massachusetts Maritime Academy is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We strongly encourage members from historically underrepresented communities, women and veterans to apply.