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RIMTA Launches Superyacht Crew Training Program in May Free Four-Week Program Gives Participants Entry-Level Skill for Luxury Yacht Jobs

Newport (RI) May 11, 2017 – Individuals who would love to work on the luxury superyachts that visit Newport each summer before taking off for warm-water ports come fall now have a free training program to give them the skills needed for entry-level jobs in the charter-yacht industry.

The Rhode Island Marine Trades Association (RIMTA), in partnership with Ship to Shore crew-placement agency of Newport, has launched a new four-week program that runs from May 30 to June 23. The program is free to Rhode Islanders who are over 18. Training takes place Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm, in the Newport area. Participants will receive both classroom instruction and internship experience on board superyachts.

No boating experience is required to participate in the program, and this training is an excellent way for candidates to shift land-based experience to working on the water. Luxury yachts need individuals with skills in the areas of high-end hospitality, culinary, large engine maintenance, and deckhands.

Crews working on a luxury superyacht typically live onboard and travel with the yachts as they follow the sun—from New England to the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, and even the Pacific.

At the conclusion of the program, Sarah Baines of Ship to Shore will work with trainees to aid them in their job search. The last week of the program coincides with the Newport Charter Yacht Show (June 19-23). This four-day event is a mecca for luxury yachts and a prime place to meet captains and crews and view the fleet of superyachts working in New England for the season.

Interested participants can find an application [here](#), or visit the Careers & Training section at rimta.org (click on “Train for a Career”).

Additional questions can be directed to RIMTA Workforce Development Coordinator Brian Dursi (brian@rimta.org / 401-396-9619).