

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
U.S. Department of Transportation
Center of Excellence (CoE) for Domestic Workforce Training and Education

Flagship Maritime, LLC – Tacoma, Washington

The Secretary of Transportation redesignates Flagship Maritime, LLC (Flagship) as a Center of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE) for its professional mariner credentialing, maritime law enforcement training leadership, and youth workforce development across the Pacific Northwest. Operating from its 2,600-square-foot waterfront facility in Tacoma, Washington, Flagship serves as a premier private vocational training hub for mariners across Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and nationwide.

Operational Footprint & Assets

Delivers hands-on, face-to-face USCG-approved licensing and agency operator courses.

- **USCG-Approved Core Mariner Tracks:** Conducts instruction and in-house testing for Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV / 6-Pack), Upgrade OUPV to Master 100 Tons, Commercial Assistance Towing, Auxiliary Sail Endorsements, and License Renewals.
- **FCC Radio Operator Certification:** Offers testing for the FCC Marine Radio Operator Permit (MROP) and Element 3 General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL).
- **Instructional Facilities & Water Access:** Features an approved 1,200-sq-ft classroom with dual HD displays, Weems & Plath navigation tools, dry-mounted NOAA charts, an indoor boathouse, direct access to the 370-ft Patrol Vessel Dock, and 8-lane deep-water boat ramps.
- **Credentialing Liaison Services:** Provides full licensing package coaching and direct liaison services with the USCG National Maritime Center as part of student tuition.

Workforce & Regional Impact

Drives talent pipelines for commercial operators, public safety, and tribal maritime fleets.

- **Volume & High Completion:** Awarded over 3,500 certificates since 2007, maintaining a completion rate above 98% (with 100% completion in OUPV and Master 100T modules).
- **Maritime Law Enforcement Leadership:** Operates as Washington's largest private maritime law enforcement trainer through its MILPRO Series®, serving over 40 federal, state, county, municipal, and tribal agencies.
- **Military, Veteran & Youth Outreach:** Approved for VA education benefits and partners with Tacoma Public Schools, the City/Port of Tacoma, and Sea Scouts for the Tacoma Tideflats Certification program for youth aged 16+.

Strategic Outlook

Flagship continues to strengthen entry-level mariner pipelines and specialized public safety training. By pairing foundational seamanship with direct federal credentialing support, Flagship maintains a key position in expanding workforce readiness across West Coast commercial, charter, and government fleet operations.