

# The MM&P Associate Membership Program



## Who Is Eligible to Be an MM&P Associate Member

Although most of our associate members are students at the maritime academies, anyone interested in the American merchant marine can join the MM&P associate membership program.

## Benefits of Associate Membership

MM&P associate members receive:

- The Master, Mate & Pilot six times a year
- The Wheelhouse Weekly every week
- An Associate Membership card.

Associate members do not receive health and welfare or pension benefits.

## Points

Associate members can earn points towards becoming a full book MM&P OFFSHORE member. Points are applied when an associate member joins MM&P as an applicant. To join MM&P as an Associate, you must be at least a 3<sup>rd</sup> classman/sophomore in your maritime school/academy or be completing your first sea cruise/project.

1. As an associate member, you can earn one-half point per day while training to become a licensed deck officer.
2. As a cadet on a training ship or on an approved school cadet sailing project, you can earn an additional one-half point per day. It does not matter which company or union you sail with as long as the sea time is accepted by the USCG - National Maritime Center as allowing you to sit for your 3M/2M license exam.
3. Your accumulated points are applied to your MM&P membership application upon:
  - successful completion of the U.S. Coast Guard license exam;
  - graduation; and
  - joining MM&P as an applicant within one year of graduation.

## Fees

The regular fee for associate membership is \$50/year.

Maritime school students pay a reduced rate based on class:

- Sophomore: \$75 covers 3 years of membership
- Junior: \$50 covers 2 years of membership
- Senior: \$25 covers 1 year of membership

You start earning points when we receive your completed application and check.

If you do not join MM&P as an applicant, your points and status as an associate member will be kept on file for a year after graduation; no monies will be refunded.

Please contact an MM&P representative at your school's career fair day or call any of MM&P's Offshore union halls if you have other questions about MM&P.

**You can find out more about MM&P on [www.bridgedeck.org](http://www.bridgedeck.org) and [www.mitags.org](http://www.mitags.org).**

## MM&P: An Organization of Maritime Professionals



The members of the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (MM&P) include the world's best-qualified and most highly trained professional mariners. MM&P represents: licensed deck officers on U.S.-flag commercial vessels sailing offshore, on the inland waterways and on civilian-crewed ships in the government fleet; state pilots; marine engineers; unlicensed seafarers; and maritime industry shore side clerical and service workers.

The union is a dynamic advocate for its 6,800 members and a voice in Washington, D.C., for the domestic maritime industry and America's Merchant Marine. MM&P is the marine affiliate of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), AFL-CIO.

### About Our Members

The International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots is comprised of four membership groups.

- The **Offshore Membership Group** represents officers sailing out of Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific ports.
- The **United Inland Group** represents professional mariners working in three geographic regions:
  - The Pacific Maritime Region (PMR) represents professional mariners on tugboats and passenger ferry vessels from Alaska to California.
  - The Great Lakes & Rivers (GL&R) represents professional mariners who sail on the Great Lakes and inland rivers.
  - The Atlantic & Gulf (A&G) represents members with limited license and unlicensed personnel at sea and ashore.
- The **Federal Employees Membership Group** represents deck officers who work for:
  - Military Sealift Command (MSC);
  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and
  - Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE).
- The **Pilot Membership Group** represents the majority of all state-licensed pilots in the continental United States, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska.
- The **Atlantic Maritime Group (AMG)** includes 1,300 professional mariners who operate tugboats, dredges, tourist boats and ferries, mostly in the New York-New Jersey area.

### About Our Advocacy Work

MM&P maintains an advocacy office in Washington, D.C., the Maritime Institute for Research and Industrial Development (MIRAID). MIRAID advocates for MM&P and for the American-flag shipping companies that have collective bargaining agreements with MM&P. It drafts legislation, testifies before Congressional committees and directs the union's Political Contribution Fund (PCF). The PCF is a non-partisan political action committee funded exclusively by voluntary contributions from MM&P members and retirees.

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