

We're excited to welcome you to Maine Maritime Academy for New Student Orientation on Saturday, July 12! As the day approaches, I wanted to take a moment to share some details with you.

Parking

The parking lots closest to NSO are currently being dug up and repaved, so parking on Saturday will be in the Commons Parking Lot (#10 on the campus map), with handicapped parking available across from the back of the bleachers of Ritchie Field (#19 on the campus map). You can view a campus map here: [Campus Map](#). Look for signage and staff members to help direct you.

Check-In

Orientation check-in will take place at the Fieldhouse (building #18 on the campus map) beginning at 8:30 AM.

Student ID Photos & Meet & Greet

From 8:30 to 9:25AM, there will be a Meet & Greet where you'll have the opportunity to connect with MMA staff, faculty, and campus resources. During this time, you can also have your student ID photo taken. Please note that hats are not permitted in ID photos.

Weather

This summer, like much of the Northeast, Castine has experienced numerous rainy weekends. As of today, we're looking dry for Saturday, but things may change. One highlight of NSO is getting out on a vessel for a cruise around the harbor and along the Castine coastline. Unless we experience torrential rain, we'll still head out on the water. Please dress comfortably and bring a rain jacket if the forecast calls for wet weather.

MMA App

If you haven't already, consider downloading the Maine Maritime app from your preferred app store. Within the app, select the "Orientation" persona to access the full NSO schedule and other helpful information.

Things To Do in Castine

If you're looking for something extra to do during your visit to Castine, here are a few local highlights to consider:

- **Explore the Town with a Tour**

Book a guided experience with the [Castine Touring Company](#) or download the free *Castine Historical Highlights* app for a self-guided walking or driving tour.

- **Relax at Wadsworth Cove Beach**

Commonly referred to as Backshore by Castinians, this town beach is perfect for a walk, a picnic, a game of volleyball, or taking in a sunset.

- **Stop by [Dyce Head Light](#)**

Snap a photo at this historic lighthouse overlooking Penobscot Bay. Take in scenic views by following the path to the left of the house through the woods and down to the cliff's edge.

- **Visit the [Castine Historical Society](#) or the [Wilson Museum](#)**

Learn about Castine's rich maritime and colonial history.

If you have guests attending NSO with you, feel free to share this email with them.

If you have any questions before NSO, don't hesitate to reach out. We're looking forward to meeting you on Saturday, July 12!