

Summer Sea Term Packing List 2026

(as of 2/18/26)

Bring only *essential* items necessary for Sea Term. ALL Cadets will be limited to one seabag and one backpack for their uniforms and clothing.

A. CLOTHING:

Required Uniform items for SST

> Uniforms for Sea Term

Working Uniform

- 2/C only
 - Long-sleeved blue chambray (100% cotton)
 - Blue Carhartt work pants (100% cotton)
 - Belt with Buckle (Webbed or Leather)
- 4/C only
 - Boiler Suit (100% cotton, solid blue only Issued)
- Cruise Cover
- Blue undershirts (3 minimum)
- Socks (5 pairs minimum)
- Steel Toed Boots (REFER TO Pg. 4 for Requirements)

Salt & Pepper Uniform (*Departure/Arrival/Special Events*)

- Short sleeve white dress shirt
- Black dress pants from Dress Blues
- Black belt and belt buckle
- Appropriate shoulder boards
- Combination cover
- Black shirt stays (optional)
- Black socks
- Black Bates leather dress shoes
- White Undershirt

Sea Khaki Uniform (2/C Deck ONLY)

- Sea Khaki Shirt
- White Undershirt (2 minimum)
- Sea Khaki Pants
- Khaki Belt/Buckle
- Black Socks (3 pairs minimum)
- Black Bates leather dress shoes
- Colored Name Tag

Additional Clothing

- SST Relaxed Uniform (permitted after 1600):
Khaki pants or shorts (at least 60% cotton) with
Cruise t-shirts
- MMA Sweatpants
- Closed- toe shoes (no sandals or open-toe shoes
allowed onboard)
- Workout clothing (Gym only)
- 1 week worth of underwear, socks (black and
white), and undershirts
- Foul Weather Gear (3 in 1 jacket/raincoat)
- Carhartt Watch Cap/Beanie

Sea Term Uniform

- MMA Baseball Cap and/or 2026 Cruise Cap
- Sea Khaki Pants
- Blue cotton polo with MMA seal (2)
- Modest colored sneakers/athletic shoes (black,
grey, white, brown, etc.)
- Blue crew neck with large yellow MMA letters or
Blue Carhartt Quarter-Zip

> Civilian clothes for liberty

Do not bring a lot, but consider the weather in each port

- Casual but appropriate attire advisable.
- Shorts, suitable polo or T-shirt, sneakers or suitable footwear, etc.
- Swim attire
- Sunglasses

Living Necessities

- Sleeping bag or Bedding
- Recommended to bring at least one sheet to put over mattress (Twin XL)

- Mattress Topper (**Highly Recommended and doesn't have to be packed inside Sea Bag**)
- Pillow
- Toiletries, grooming supplies, razors
- 2 towels recommended
- Shower Caddy
- Washcloths suggested
- Shower shoes
- Hair ties for females
- Hair must be kept in a bun or braid for safety concerns. Hair must be up while on watch and working on deck / engine room.
- Bungee cords for stowage of gear in locker (Recommended)
- Padlocks, at least 2 for locker(s)/sea bags; Combination lock suggested.
- Dryer sheets
- Mesh laundry bag
- Sunscreen
- Battery powered alarm clock and extra batteries (Optional)
- Motion sickness medication non-drowsy (Optional)
- After sun Lotion or Aloe vera (Recommended)

Recommended Living Necessities:

- Hangers
- Magnets or Command Strips should be used to hang/post items (lockers only).
- Advil
- Vitamins and OTC cold medicine, cough drops, etc.
- Band-Aids
- Chapstick
- Baby powder (or Gold bond foot powder)

SAFETY AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

➤ **SAFETY EQUIPMENT – Following items are required**

- Flashlight (intrinsically safe) **REFER TO** Pg. 4 for Requirements
- Deck Cadets must have a red lens with the flashlight for night watch
- Extra Batteries
- Pocket Knife – **REFER TO** Pg. 4 for Requirements
- Safety Goggle/ Glasses (Z-87+)
- Tinted safety glasses (optional) (Z-87+)
- Hearing Protection (Non audio playing Earmuffs with 30 Db or greater reduction)
- Work Gloves
 - Tools:
- Screwdriver (Combination)
- Channel Locks
- Adjustable Wrench (6 – 8 inches)
- Metal carabiners

➤ **MISCELLANEOUS**

- **Watch** – cheap spare wristwatch with alarm (waterproof)
- **Water bottle and Thermos** (paper cups will not be available for coffee, also recommended to bring some Dawn Dish Soap)
- **Backpack**

➤ **REQUIRED ITEMS FOR ALL CADETS:**

- **Passport** – All Cadets must have a valid Passport
- **TWIC** – Transportation Workers Identification Card
- **MMA Student ID**
- **Medical Insurance Card**
- **Med Cert**
- **MMC (2/C)**
- **Other form of photo ID like Driver's License**
- **Recommended to bring small amounts of cash for purchase of misc. items onboard ship**

ACADEMIC SUPPLIES:

- Notebook
- 2 folders
- Pencils, pens, erasers
- Straight edge
- Scientific calculator
- Laptop and charger (do NOT bring a power strip)

Engineers Academic Supplies Packing List**ENGINE 2C:**

- Stencil
- Mariner Advancement Stick Drive (for USCG Question Study Material)

ENGINE 4C:

- Stencils (for engineer drawings)

CD303 Academic Supplies Packing List

To support your academic endeavors during cruise on the TSSOM, you should have the following books, texts, PDFs, and equipment. Items are available in the MMA Bookstore for purchase.

Required Materials:

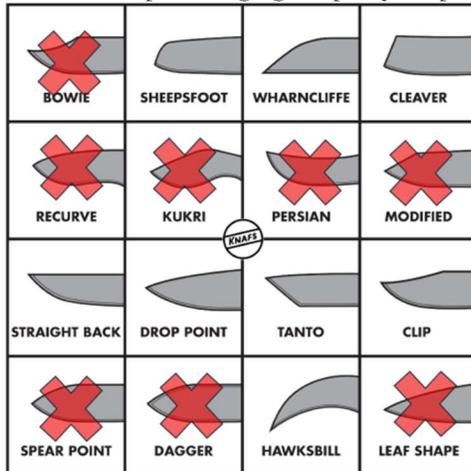
- Scientific Calculator
- Plotting Instruments – Dividers, Compass, triangles and / or parallel rules.
- **One pad of Universal Plotting Sheets** (for your navigation project)
- 3 Ring Binder, 1” (for your navigation project)
- Lined Paper (3 ring, loose-leaf to go in your binder)
- Your class notes from CNav, TNav II, and ANav

License Prep Materials (only for those who intend to study for USCG exams):

- Bowditch 1981 Vol. II
- Nautical Almanac 1981
- HO 229
- Tides and Currents Tables 1981
- Pub. 102
- Light Lists for BIS, LIS, and Chesapeake
- Pub. 117
- Chemical Data Guide 1990 Edition
- Stability Data Reference Book
- Chart 12221- TR
- Chart 12354- TR
- Chart 13205- TR
- Chart 5270
- Chart 5274
- Maneuvering Boards
- Plotting Sheet 923
- Plotting Sheet 924
- Plotting Sheet 925
- Star Finder
- Mariner Advancement (optional)

Knives:

- Knives must be folding “Jackknife” style – No fixed-bladed “Sheath” knives (per 46 U.S. Code § 11506).
- Blade must lock
- No “Butterfly”, automatic opening or “switchblade” knives
- Maximum 4” blade length.
- Recommend a straight blade over serrated
- Knife should have only have one of the approved blade shapes (see graphic) – Sheepsfoot or Wharncliffe are preferred.
- Training on knife use and sharpening is required prior to carrying onboard.
- Recommend purchasing a good quality sharpening stone.



Flashlight:

- Meet ANSI – FL1 standard
- Meet MSHA Flashlight Standard (Intrinsically Safe) – required for tankships and other flammable atmospheres or IPX68 rating for dust and water tightness (nearly the same as above) – won’t be able to use on tankships cadet shipping.
- Recommend a magnetic base
- Recommend at least 150 lumens
- Recommend pocket clip

Boots:

Please be certain to pay particular attention to the required safety shoe guidance

- It must have a protective toe of steel or composite material (meets ASTM 2413-11 I/75 C/75) round in shape (**no square toe**)
- It must have oil or slip resistant soles (ASTM F2913-11).
- The upper must be at least 6 inches in height for proper ankle support.
- It must lace up or use adjustable "BOA" closure, or equivalent, (no slip-on)

D. IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **No “Baby Wipes” for onboard use. This compromises the ship’s MSD system.**
- **No two-sided Velcro.**
- **Do not bring toilet paper, the ship will provide the required toilet paper.**
- **No Sunflower seeds or similar seed base snacks are permitted.**
- No fans, hot pots or kitchen appliances are allowed in cadet berthing spaces.
- Food is available on the mess deck a majority of the time each day. The Ship Store is also available for snacks after meal hours and on weekends. Therefore, we strongly discourage bringing any food onboard the vessel.
- All clothing, equipment and supplies should be labeled/stenciled with the cadet’s name to avoid confusion as many cadets often have similar looking belongings.
- Cadets should only bring the necessary supplies for Sea Term. Avoid taking an excess of cloths for liberty. **Cadets will not be permitted to bring footlockers.**
- Cadets live in close quarters during the Sea Term and should make every attempt to mark all personal gear/belongings. High value items should not be brought onboard. “Master” type locks should be brought to secure all lockers assigned.