

Summer Sea Term 2026 (SST26)

Maine Maritime and Texas A&M Maritime Academy Joint Sea Term
Information Brief

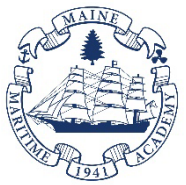
Monday, 20 April 2026
(DELANO) 1700-1800



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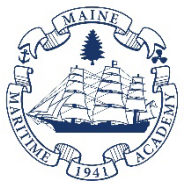
Agenda



- SST26 PARTICIPANTS
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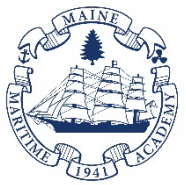
Summer Sea Term Participants



- **SST26 includes more than 500 Midshipmen**
- **All qualifying 1/C, 2/C and 4/C unlimited license students including "Super-Seniors"**
- **For the scope of the Cruise Manual:**
 - **Upper Class Midshipman = 1/C, 2/C or "Super Senior"**
 - **Under Class Midshipman = 4/C**



Safety



Your safety and the safety of others is paramount.

Every person aboard STATE OF MAINE is a safety observer. If you see something unsafe or out of the ordinary, you have an obligation to say something to the first available crew member you can find.

We sail together as one team!



Maine Logistics – 3 May



- **Timeline:**
 - **0730 – Buses arrive in Castine**
 - **0745 – 0800 Gain accountability and board buses**
 - **0800 – Buses x 2 and van x 1 depart Castine for Portland**
 - **1030 – Buses x 2 and van x 1 arrive in Portland**



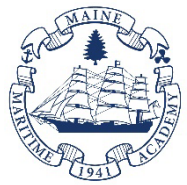
Portland Move Aboard Plan - 3 May



- **Timeline:**
 - **0830 – Ship rates**
 - **0930 – Alpha**
 - **1000 – Bravo**
 - **1030 – Charlie**
 - **1030 – Buses arrive (Alpha has priority for check in)**
 - **1100 – Delta (All other bus riders)**
 - **1130 – Alpha watch standers assume watch duties**



Portland Move Aboard Process - 3 May



a. Security: Bag Check

- i. 100% bag check by port security staff – Airport style baggage scanner
- ii. Ship rates assisting

b. Admin: Check in w/ CMDT Staff / Ship rates

- i. Check-in sheet
- ii. Show credentials (MMC, TWIC, Passport, School ID)
- iii. Turn-in SST26 Agreement
- iv. Receive room assignment
- v. Validate MMA ID for stateroom key & APASS
- vi. Receive SST26 T-shirt and ballcap at MMA Office later that day

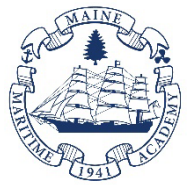
c. Medical: Check in w/ Nurse Tammy

- i. Turn in any remaining paperwork
- ii. Touch base on any individual medical requirements

d. Ships Crew: Plan on safety brief by company later that day



STATE OF MAINE



Ship Specifications

Type	National Security Multi-Mission Vessel
Displacement	19,585 MT
Length	525 FT 1 IN / 160.05 M
Beam	88 FT 7 IN / 27.0 M
Height	123 FT. / 37.5 M from waterline to highest point
Draft	21 FT 4 IN / 6.5 M
Depth	55 FT 1.5 IN / 16.8 M
Decks	10
Installed Power	16,800 kW / 22,500 HP, plus 900kW emergency generator
Propulsion	Diesel Electric with 4 diesel generators
Speed	18 KTS Maximum / 12 KTS Cruising
Range	10,000+ nautical miles at 18 KTS
Complement	700
Crew	43
Time to Activate	3 days
Armament	600 cadets
Aircraft Carried	None
Aviation Facilities	Helicopter Pad (winch only)



Port Locations





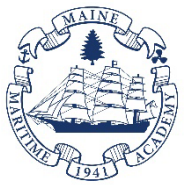
Cruise Schedule



Ports	Arrive Port	Depart Port
Portland, ME	May 3 move aboard	May 8
Galveston, TX	May 17	May 23
Charleston, SC	June 4	June 7
St John's, NL	June 13	June 16
Port Everglades, FL	June 23	June 26
New York City, NY	July 3	July 4
Boston, MA	July 6	July 9
Castine, ME	July 12	July 16



SST Timeline



3 May: Depart Castine approx. 0800. SST26 Alpha Company Watch begins at 1200

4 May: Title IX & SASH 1600 MPS CHARLIE, IT set up TBA

5 May: Title IX & SASH 1600 MPS DELTA, IT set up TBA

6 May: Title IX & SASH 1600 MPS ALPHA, IT set up TBA

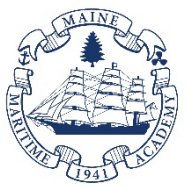
7 May: Title IX & SASH 1600 MPS BRAVO, IT set up TBA

7 May: TAMMA Cadets and faculty arrive, Ship familiarization training, IT set up, Title IX & SASH

8 May: Move to Anchorage Portland

9 May: Depart

*Move-Aboard Uniform is Dickies khaki trousers, MMA Polo, lace-up safety boots



	U	T	M	W
A	22	16	18	19
B	22	16	18	19
C	22	16	19	18
D	21	16	19	19

Date	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sea Term 2026 Itinerary & Training Schedule	3-May	4-May	5-May	6-May	7-May	8-May	9-May	10-May	11-May	12-May	13-May	14-May	15-May	16-May	17-May	18-May	19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May
Port	Searsport - Move Aboard	Searsport	Searsport	Searsport	Searsport / Shift to Anchor	Searsport - Anchorage Drills for USCG	Searsport - Anchorage Drills for USCG / Depart	At Sea	At Sea	At Sea	At Sea	At Sea	At Sea	At Sea	Galveston, Texas, USA	Galveston, Texas, USA	Galveston, Texas, USA	Galveston, Texas, USA	Galveston, Texas, USA	Galveston, Texas, USA	Galveston, Texas, USA
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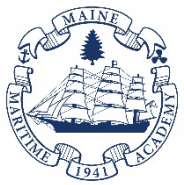
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ALPHA	W	M	U	T1	U	W	U	T2	M	M	W	W	T3	U	T4	W	M	T5	M	W	M
BRAVO	U	W	M	U	T1	M	W	W	T2	U	T3	U	M	T4	W	U	W	M	T5	M	U
CHARLIE	U	T1	W	W	M	T2	M	U	U	T3	M	M	W	W	U	T4	U	W	U	T5	W
DELTA	U	U	T1	M	W	U	T2	M	W	W	U	T3	U	M	M	M	T4	U	W	U	T5



SST26 Agreement

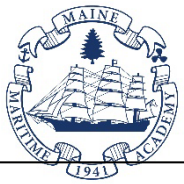


All SST26 participants must sign the SST26 Cadet Sea Term Agreement prior to boarding STATE OF MAINE, which will include the reading and understanding of the STATE OF MAINE Summer Sea Term Manual.

The SST26 Sea Term Agreement and Sea Term Manual are available on the Regimental Cruise website for Maine Maritime Academy.



What to bring list highlights



Need:

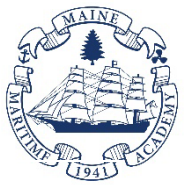
- Identification (TWIC, passport, MED Cert, school ID, Medical Insurance Card, MMC for 2/C)
- Spending money for liberty \$100. **Cash not accepted onboard.** Note: If you have a credit card, most companies provide favorable exchange rates for foreign currency.
- Work Blues/khaki pants/relaxed uniform/appropriate civilian attire
- Salt & Pepper Uniform
- Tools (flashlight, adjustable wrench, multi-tool, knife)
- Safety boots, ear plugs, safety glasses (extras)
- School supplies (binder, notebooks, wheel book, pencils)
- Toiletries (razor, shampoo, soap, etc.)
- Blankets/Pillows/Sleeping Bag
- Hot / Cold cover mug (NO paper cups aboard)
- Issued Master locks

Consider:

- Winter Clothing: Insulated work gloves, scarves, long underwear, insulated boots, turtlenecks, rain pants, etc.
- USB Drive (movies, games, file backups, etc.)
- Books
- Headphones
- Lawn Chair / Camping chair
- Games (card games, board games, etc.)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Snacks
- Camera
- Medications (as applicable)
- **Whatever you bring aboard must be taken off the ship at the end of sea term!**



What **NOT** to bring highlights



- **“Disposable” wipes – The vacuum toilet system is very sensitive. The only items that can be flushed are human waste and the toilet paper provided by the ship. Flush early, flush often.**
- Alcohol or recreational drugs
- Weapons of any kind – Approved folding pocketknives are acceptable.
- Small appliances, space heaters, tea kettles, etc.
- Power Strips – Do not bring your own. Approved power strips will be issued
- Toilet paper - (provided onboard)
- Laundry Soap (detergent provided onboard)
- NO electronic scooters or e-bikes, etc. No detachable Lithium-ion batteries
- NO electronic cigarettes (includes vape pens)



Travel tips



- **Cell phone**
 - Understand your cell phone plan and be prepared for international roaming fees.
 - Enable Wi-Fi calling if your phone supports it.
- **Banking & Credit Card Companies**
 - Notify your bank of upcoming overseas travel



Deck Training



Prof. Patrick Griffin: Sr. Deck Training Officer

What to expect

Juniors: Bring Nav tools, plotting sheets and maneuvering boards. Rude star finders if you have them. Nautical Almanacs and pub. 229 will be provided onboard.

Be prepared to work hard and learn a lot!



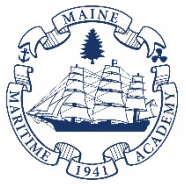
Engine Training



- **Prof. Thomas Whitney: Sr. Engine Training Officer First Half**
- **Prof. Laurel Christian: Sr. Engine Training Officer Second Half**



IT



Network access

- 3GB weekly data allotment for academic and personal use. Additional weekly data can be purchased at the ship store as needed.
- Bandwidth (internet speed) is limited, but it is sufficient for calls, web browsing, and coursework.
- Information on how to join the network, tips for saving data, and general IT advice while underway will be provided later.

Phone calls and text

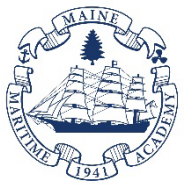
- WhatsApp or Messenger will be more reliable than iMessage or WiFi calling.
- Whatever app you use, ensure your friends and family also have it.

MMA IDs

- MMA IDs will be used for RFID keycards for the doors, for taking musters, and for scanning on and off the ship. Always keep yours on you.



Medical

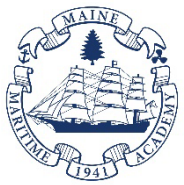


GENERAL

- Personal hygiene – shower daily and use hand sanitizer where available. Laundry must be done frequently! You can avoid “ship crud” simply by washing your hands frequently and keeping your spaces clean.
- Regardless of if you are prone to Seasickness – Bring Dramamine or any generic seasickness med. Remember these only work if you take them prior to rough weather.
- Maine Students medical record will be on board so nothing else is required of you to bring .
- Texas students will need to bring pages 3,4,5,6 of USCG 719K physical, immunization record, and personal information sheet. If you do not have this, we will get one to you in Galveston.



Medical



Medication

We carry a limited amount of over-the-counter meds on board, bring medications accordingly.

- If you are on a specialty medication, please let the medical staff know so they are aware of any issues that may arise.
- Please bring enough prescribed medication with you to get you through the 75 days. You may have to ask your doctor for a "vacation dose". If you are not comfortable keeping extra meds in your room, we can store them.

Refrigeration for Medication

- Medication that needs to be refrigerated should be stored in the ship's hospital. (There are no refrigerators in student berthing.) **Please inform ship's medical staff upon check-in.**
- **Bring your medical insurance card**



SHIP'S BARBER

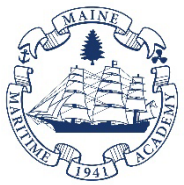


- Ship employs a full-time, licensed barber that will be providing haircuts 6 hours a day.
- **Haircuts are included in SST fee for all cadets**
- Hours: 0800-1100, 1300-1600
 - Schedule on your watch days when not on watch
- Crew, staff, and faculty haircuts are \$15 and can pay via card
- Cadets must have haircuts within grooming standards to depart ship on liberty
- With more than 600 personnel aboard, you must plan ahead in order to maintain your professional appearance.
- Cadets are discouraged from cutting hair due to hygiene and safety concerns





Counseling



Counseling Sessions ARE Always Available To All Students!

During the summer, the MMA Director of Counseling Services is the only MMA counselor. She will be available and will work around your work schedule.

If you are not comfortable with the MMA counselor, you can use your private or MMA health insurance; MMA counseling services can help you navigate this if needed. MMA Health Insurance Information can be found at:

<https://www.crossagency.com/college-health/2025-2026/maine-maritime-academy-2025-2026/>

Remote counseling and a private space (HIPAA) can be coordinated through the Commandant's Office. I-PADS are available for check out with designated internet access (you do not have to use your own).

How to contact MMA Counselor:

Email: counseling@mma.edu

Office Phone: 207-326-2644 (leave a voicemail)

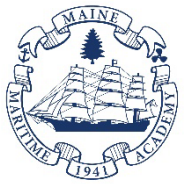
Cell Phone/Text: 207-358-0201



**National Suicide Lifeline: 988
LGBTQ+ Trevor Lifeline: 1-866-488-7386
Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-834-4357
Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-871-7741**



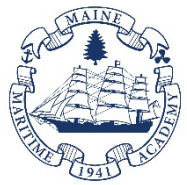
Designated Person Ashore (DPA)



- Designated Person Ashore (DPA): The DPA is a shore-based person who serves as the direct link between the ship's personnel and the company (MMA). This role is clearly defined in the STATE OF MAINE's Safety Management System and is required by the International Safety Management Code (ISM).
- Key Responsibilities:
 - Direct Communication Link between STATE OF MAINE & MMA
 - Safety Oversight
 - Emergency Support
 - Authority & Escalation to highest level of MMA management
 - Audits & Continuous Improvement
- If you feel that the ship's Master and officers are NOT properly addressing your safety concerns, or the Master is the cause of the issue, contact the DPA:
 - Captain Chris Monroe
 - 207-326-2715
 - Christopher.Monroe@mma.edu



SASH & Title IX



Sexual harassment, assault, and violence have no place in our community.

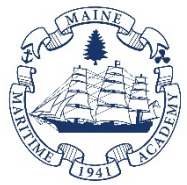
If you would like to make an appointment off board with Heidi, please send her an email to set up a time or inform any ship or commandant staff to assist with arrangements. Heidi can meet by Zoom, Teams, phone, or email. You can find more information at the links below.

[Sexual Harassment, Misconduct, and Title IX - Campus Safety - Maine Maritime Academy Reporting-Processes-Chart.pdf \(mainemaritime.edu\)](#)

Title IX Coordinator	Deputy Coordinators	Investigators
Heidi Pugliese 207-326-2761 Heidi.Pugliese@mma.edu	Deborah Harman 207-326-2276 Deborah.Harman@mma.edu	Kyle Willette 207-326-2153 Kyle.Willette@mma.edu
	Blossom M. Thao 207-326-2138 Blossom.Thao@mma.edu	Deidra Davis 207-236-2373 Deidra.Davis@mma.edu

MARINERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT ONE ANOTHER

If you see something, say something!



SASH & Title IX Reporting

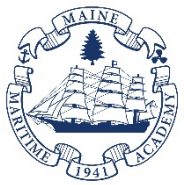
- Incidents Include: Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, Dating Domestic Violence, Stalking
 - To report aboard Training Ship: Contact Master of the Ship, Captain MacArthur, any Commandant's Staff, Medical Staff, or Faculty member
 - To report off the ship: SASH Designated Person Ashore – Heidi Pugliese
 - 207-326-2761 / Heidi.Pugliese@mma.edu or TitleIX@mma.edu
 - Safety Risks:
 - Designated Person Ashore - Captain Chris Monroe
 - 207-326-2715 / Christopher.Monroe@mma.edu

For Additional Reporting, contact National Command Center or MARAD

- cgistips@uscg.mil
- civilrights.marad@dot.gov

For Confidential Support, contact Counselor, Tonya Murray

- 207-326-2644 / cell 207-358-0201 / counseling@mma.edu

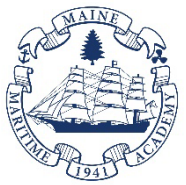


Communications

- The **Summer Sea Term Blog** is the most important hub of communication for family and friends to receive updates about Summer Sea Term. Blog posts chronicle the progress of the ship, allowing parents and friends access to a chart of the STATE OF MAINE's course, summary of activities, highlights, stats (latitude and longitude, speed, passage distance, etc.), weather, pictures, and more.
- Please note: this blog site does not support commenting.
- Updates to the site happen at various times and are provided by students, faculty, and staff. Links and QR codes will be posted aboard the ship to easily upload photos. Technical difficulties or other disruptions may delay updates.



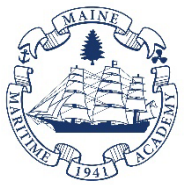
Communications (Cont.)



There will be **NO** flat mail or
package delivery availability on
STATE OF MAINE



Emergency Contact Information



Emergency contact to the ship is available. If you need to be in touch with your student while s/he is on cruise in the event of an emergency (death or serious illness of a family member for example) please call Campus Safety at **207-326-2479** or the **Dean of Students, Blossom Thao at 207-326-2138** (during regular business hours). Campus Safety is available 24/7 so this is the best option outside of normal work hours or if Dean Thao is not in the office. Dean Thao or Campus Safety staff will contact the ship and the individual you need to speak with will call you back.

You will need to provide the following information:

Your name

Your contact information

The name of the person you need to speak with on the ship

Your relationship to the person you need to reach

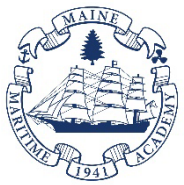
The nature of the emergency

This information will be communicated to the Commandant of Midshipmen, or his staff, who will discreetly arrange for your student to call you back. This process may take a few hours, depending on the location of the ship and the time of day.

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SODEXO FOOD SERVICE



Dietary Restrictions / Dietary Needs & Allergies

Why is it important for Health Services and Steward's Dept. to know?

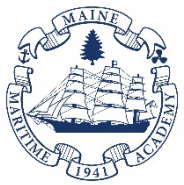
This is to help us keep you safe if you have allergies, AND help us make sure we source enough specialty items!

For any food restrictions or allergy concerns contact Ryan.Blanchard@sodexo.com

- Our menus are created, and ingredients ordered well before the cruise begins, to ensure we receive everything we plan on. We have already started loading the ship! Many items used in our recipes are not available in all ports. Therefore, planning for allergen-free foods and ingredients is vital to YOUR overall health and wellness.
- Many times, you'll be able to enjoy same menu entrees and items as everyone else, but only if we know in advance, so we prepare for this.



Other Admin



Uniforms and Grooming Standards

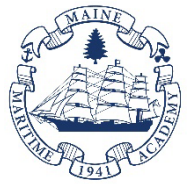
All students participating on cruise are expected to have cruise khakis (Dickies khaki trousers) with MMA cotton polo shirt, Salt and Peppers, & working blue uniform / coveralls. You must bring your Bates and all appropriate covers. No exceptions. Regimental grooming standards are in effect, to include hair length and facial hair standards. You will not be allowed to depart ship on liberty if you are not within standards.

Cleaning Items & Ship's Sewage System

The ship's plumbing system was not designed to handle anything other than human waste and ship-provided, single-ply toilet paper. No 'flushable' wipes, paper towels, hygiene products, etc. may go down the system. You will be part of the clean-up crew if necessary!



Alcohol Use



Alcohol is prohibited on board the ship. The policy aboard the ship is consistent with that of the US Coast Guard and can be found in the STATE OF MAINE Sea Term Manual. In port, a random list will be generated daily for breath testing. Students will be asked to submit to a breath test if it is suspected that they are intoxicated or if they return late from liberty. If a student or staff/crew member refuses to submit to a breath test, they will be dismissed from Summer Sea Term.

We encourage parents to review the alcohol policies and talk with their students. The cost to come home from a port with no notice due to a disciplinary matter can exceed \$5,000. Additionally, the student receives no refund for cruise and must repeat the entire cruise. This kind of mistake can be costly.

Professional and financial ramifications from being dismissed from SST are significant