

# Texas Maritime Academy

Graduation 2006-07

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Many of our graduates do sail on the 385 SOLAS built vessels.

**However, an increasing number are beginning to work on vessels in the brown water fleet and in the oil patch on drilling rigs, drill ships, and offshore supply vessels.**

**These jobs are actually more attractive to them because of:**

- 1) the working conditions,**
- 2) newness of the vessels and equipment,**
- 3) wages, and**
- 4) vacation time that is equal to or better than the blue water fleet's.**

TMA is considering putting in a curriculum to train officers for these vessels. Last year TMA had more job offers than officers to fill them.

**Almost 100% of TMA graduates initially go to sea.  
The big exception is those who go into the Navy or Coast Guard.**