

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL FISHING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

BE A FISHERMAN IN UNDER A YEAR – NOW RECRUITING!



WHY A FISHING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM?

There is a need in commercial fishing now for new, well-trained crew members. Regulations are complex, working at sea can be challenging and selling products requires business skills. Fishing is part of our region's heritage and offers a viable career into the future as the demand for local, responsibly sourced seafood grows.

By completing interactive land-based instruction and paid on-the-job training with experienced fishermen, you can gain knowledge and skills to launch your fishing career.

Certificates earned during training:

- CA Boater Card (pre-requisite for program)
- CCFAP Completion
- USCG-recognized CPR/First Aid/AED
- USCG-recognized Drill Instructor Training

FOR MORE DETAILS & REGISTRATION INFO:

SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT
caseagrants.ucsd.edu/apprentice



SCHEDULE

DEC 31

Deadline to Register

JAN 16

Introduction & Orientation

JAN 16 - 17

Marine Electrical Systems

JAN 18 - 20

Business, Marketing, Seafood System & Soft Skills

JAN 22 - 24

Fishing Science, Conservation & Practice

JAN 25

Drill Instructor Course

JAN 26

Clean Boating; Seafood System

JAN 29-30

Fisherman's First Aid & Safety Training

JAN 31 - FEB 1

Boat Control

FEB 12 - 16

Diesel Engine Maintenance

FEB - ONWARD

On-the-job Training

**130 HOURS OF INTERACTIVE
LAND-BASED INSTRUCTION**

**1,000 HOURS OF PAID
ON-THE-JOB TRAINING**

TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

- BOAT HANDLING SKILLS
- FIRST AID & SAFETY
- BOAT & GEAR MAINTENANCE & REPAIR
- SEAFOOD BUSINESS & MARKETING
- FISHERIES SCIENCE, CONSERVATION & PRACTICE

REQUIRED BY JANUARY 8, 2024 (BEFORE YOU START):

- Must be 18+ with a high school degree or GED
- \$50 Refundable Enrollment Deposit
- California Boater Card (online; 4-8 hrs; free)
- Lifeguard-Approved Swim Test (free)
- Negative Drug Test Result (free)
- Nomination by a fisherman sponsor

