



Maritime Apprenticeships Data: Annual Review for 2018

This is the first of what will become an annual publication reviewing published data on maritime apprenticeships.

Headlines

- The number of starts on maritime apprenticeships more than doubled between 2014-15 and 2017-18, rising from 89 to 202.
- Starts fell back a little last year (ie 2016-17 to 2017-18), from 213 to 202.
- The most popular apprenticeship in 2017-18 was for Deck Ratings (40% of the total). For 2015-16 & 2016-17 it was Port Operations; for 2014-15 it was Boatmaster.

Annual Tables

2017-18

Apprenticeship	Type	<19	19-24	25+	TOTAL
Able Seafarer (Deck)	Standard	10	28	23	61
Able Seafarer/tug rating - engine room	Framework	3	3	1	7
Marinas and Boatyards	Framework	1	-	-	1
Port Operations	Framework	-	11	9	20
Boatmaster	Framework	6	11	6	23
Sea Fishing	Framework	7	7	-	14
Workboat Operations	Framework	1	4	-	5
Scotland: Maritime Occupations	Scotland				22
		28	64	39	153
<i>Age-related totals & percentages are for England only</i>		21%	49%	30%	100%

2016-17

Apprenticeship	Type	<19	19-24	25+	All ages
Able Seafarer (Deck)	Standard	12	17	3	32
Able Seafarer/tug rating - engine room	Framework	1	6	2	9
Marinas and Boatyards	Framework	3	5	3	11
Port Operations	Framework	8	24	51	83
Boatmaster	Framework	7	5	1	13
Sea Fishing	Framework	6	11	-	17
Workboat Operations	Framework	-	5	5	10
Scotland: Maritime Occupations	Scotland				30
		37	73	65	205
<i>Age-related totals & percentages are for England only</i>		21%	42%	37%	100%

2015-16

Apprenticeship	Type	<19	19-24	25+	All ages
Able Seafarer/tug rating (Deck) }	Framework	-	5	8	13
Able Seafarer (Deck) }	Standard	1	3	3	7
Able Seafarer/tug rating - engine room	Framework	-	2	1	3
Marinas and Boatyards	Framework	1	2	1	4
OOW <3000 GT Near Coastal	Framework	1	-	-	1
Port Operations	Framework	2	12	42	56
Boatmaster	Framework	6	1	-	7
Sea Fishing	Framework	10	9	-	19
Workboat Operations	Framework	2	7	-	9
Scotland: Maritime Occupations	Scotland				27
		23	41	55	146
<i>Age-related totals & percentages are for England only</i>		19%	34%	46%	100%

2014-15

Apprenticeship	Type	<19	19-24	25+	All ages
Able Seafarer/tug rating (Deck)	Framework	7	7	3	17
Able Seafarer/tug rating - engine room	Framework	-	5	-	5
Port Operations	Framework	-	6	6	12
Boatmaster	Framework	13	14	-	27
Sea Fishing	Framework	8	14	-	22
Workboat Operations	Framework	4	2	-	6
Scotland: Maritime Occupations	Scotland				0
		32	48	9	89
<i>Age-related totals & percentages are for England only</i>		36%	54%	10%	100%

Comments

1. 'Boatmaster' is a shorthand for the purposes of this paper; the formal title is "Rivers, Inland Waterways and Limited Distances to Sea".
2. The published data for Scotland gives no breakdown below Framework level, ie it does not say which of these apprentices are deck ratings, port operatives, etc.
3. The Scottish data does, however, give a gender breakdown: all the apprentices so far have been male.
4. The English data gives no gender breakdown below 'Sector Subject Area, Second Tier – in our case, 'Transportation operations and maintenance'. That's no use to us.
5. Several newly-approved apprenticeship Standards (eg Marine Pilot, Port Marine Operations Officer, Workboat Operative) do not appear yet in the data.
6. There can be no more starts on the Sea Fishing apprenticeship, following the change in Government policy which resulted in its deletion.
7. A third to a half of apprentices are aged 19-24; a fifth are under 19. The pattern varies by sector and ports are the most likely to have apprentices aged 25 or over.

8. There are no active maritime apprenticeships in either Northern Ireland or Wales.
9. Many maritime employers also use other apprenticeships not included here.

Sectors

The figures are for England only, and combine Frameworks and Standards where appropriate.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Able Seafarer (Deck)	17	20	32	61
Engine Room Rating	3	9	7	5
Marinas and Boatyards	n/a	4	11	1
OOw <3000 GT Near Coastal	-	1	-	-
Port Operations	12	56	83	20
Boatmaster	27	7	13	23
Sea Fishing	22	19	17	14
Workboat Operations	6	9	10	5

Also of interest:

Boat building	n/a	n/a	8	42
Marine engineer	n/a	n/a	n/a	7

Sources: Data for [England](#); Data for [Scotland](#)

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