

PACIFIC MARITIME ACADEMY

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House of Representatives
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Attn: Committee on Ocean and Marine Resources
Representative Robert Bunda, Chairman
Representative Clarice Hashimoto, Vice Chairman

Dear Representatives:

Pacific Maritime Academy, a school licensed by the Department of Education, has been serving the maritime community of Hawaii for twenty years as a license preparation school for Coast Guard examinations from Small Boat Operations to Deck & Engineering Officers.

Our present location is excellent, being close to Pier 4 where the USCG examination room is located. However, the bad points outweigh the good.

These State owned buildings behind the Gold Bond Building which were abandoned when we got them are suffering from old age, faulty plumbing, poor lighting, constant dust from the Toyota operation right next to us, disturbing noise from the large trucks that are constantly moving in the area, and ten million termites.

It is also part of the Kakaako Redevelopment Program.

PMA students put in the plumbing, electrical wiring and walls to make the building usable.

Previously, PMA had operated in three different locations:

1. The small Transpac Building on State land in the Ala Wai Yacht Harbor.
2. Look Laboratory located on U of H property at Kewalo Basin.
3. The conference room at McWayne Marine Supply.

A new home has been needed for a long time and we once again look to the State for help.

Our purpose is to establish a proper facility for hands-on maritime training and perpetuate that facility for our ocean state.

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The Academy's programs also include Sea Cadet training for High School Alternate Learning students.

This statewide effort is funded to the Department of Education through the efforts of Capt. and Mrs. Alverson.

This program needs a facility near the main job market. Pacific Maritime Academy gets an average of 12 calls a month for available maritime positions.

Hawaii should be the Maritime Education in the Pacific because of our geographic location.

To this end, Capt. Alverson has made two trips to Mexico and Alaska and has had a request for an exchange visit with President Chen of the Maritime Academy in Wuhan, Peoples Republic of China.

We have also trained the majority of the ships' officers from Micronesia.

Such programs as noted above should have an adequate facility. The need is now and the time is now to establish and then perpetuate a maritime training center for our ocean state.

Sincerely,



Capt. R. L. Alverson

Were you aware that PMA has 100% job attainment and many thousands of alumni who make up the majority of the maritime work force in Hawaii?

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February 13, 1987

Representative Apo
Majority Floor Leader
House of Representatives
State of Hawaii

Dear Representative Apo:

The need is now and the time is now to provide a maritime center that will serve our ocean state with as little cost as possible.

This need is for a facility near or on the water of 6,000-7,000 square feet divided into two sections for Deck & Diesel Engineering.

Also, the building would be used during the daytime hours for our Sea Cadet Alternate Learning Programs for boys and girls of high school age. This program is totally funded by Dorothy and me.

The evening sessions are for our working mariners who are seeking Licensing and Certification (both Deck and Engine).

The officers from the Micronesian states would be included in this group.

Our goal here is to be sure that when marine positions become available, whether licensed or not, that our local citizens are available rather than hire from the mainland.

Our graduates (over 6,000) represent the majority of the maritime work force in Hawaii.

When a student comes to Pacific Maritime Academy, it is because they have a job awaiting them.

We have 100% job attainment. The opportunity is at hand to establish a maritime academy for and to the State of Hawaii for all time. Let us not lose that opportunity.

Sincerely,



Capt. R. L. Alverson