

Factsheet

SMALL CRAFT MARINE SECTOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Essential Skills Training for the Recreational & Small Craft Marine Industry

A competent marine service technician understands the whole boat. Regardless of a technician's primary skill area, they must understand the basics of vessel design, materials, equipment and systems, and the related activities of other technicians. The scope of skilled trade workers in the Marine Sector represents almost every trade, all focused within the specialized environment of a boat out on the water.

Did you know? Marine Sector employees in a skilled trade can expect to earn approximately \$30/hr and as high as \$37/hr with management responsibilities.

Industry Facts

- 88% of positions are **full-time, year-round**.
- 46% of 100 companies interviewed are **hiring right now**.
- 61% of companies turn down work due to **lack of skilled employees**.
- Small craft marine (boats less than 150 feet) **employs almost as many people as shipbuilding** in BC.
- The marine service industry provides stable employment and is an **essential service** that has proven its resiliency to economic interruptions.
- Senior managers are a major portion of the retiring workforce, and most managers come from a **technical trade background**.



This chart shows the percentage of industry revenue that comes from different areas of the Marine Sector.

Variety: Most companies work directly for the customer with in-house employees and services, meaning there is an opportunity to work on a variety of projects depending what shows up at a specific dock or shop.

Love where you work and live: More than half of marine service companies have waterfront facilities, and 76% offer mobile services. With a worldwide demand for marine service, your skills can take you anywhere you can find a boat.