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CMES RELEASES 2024 COURSE SCHEDULE

The Calhoun M.E.B.A. Engineering School has issued its 2024 course schedule along with a course application form. Applications for these classes will be accepted through www.mebaschool.org, by US Mail and by fax (410) 822-7220. Class schedule and registration dates are subject to change.

Applications for classes held between January 1 and June 30, 2024 will be accepted no earlier than November 1, 2023. Applications for classes held between July 1 and December 31, 2024 will be accepted no earlier than May 1, 2024. Applications sent prior to the acceptance dates will be discarded with no notice sent to the applicant. Application forms can be obtained at the M.E.B.A. Union halls, the School website (www.mebaschool.org) or by calling the School's Admissions Desk at (410) 822-9600. Note: The CMES is still working with Wartsila to finalize the dates for the Flex Engine classes. Those dates will be released as soon as they are available.

The CMES announced the following course offerings for 2024:

ADVANCED METEOROLOGY - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - January 22 – January 26. **ADVANCED PIPE WELDING** - (2-Week Course - 6 students maximum) - February 5 – February 16. **ADVANCED SHIPHANDLING** - (2-Week Course - 6 students maximum) - February 26 – March 8. **ADVANCED STABILITY** - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - January 15 – January 19. **BST REFRESHER** - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - March 18 – March 22; April 29 – May 3; June 3 – June 7; September 9 – September 13; October 7 – October 11. **BST REVALIDATION** - (3-Day Course - 12 students maximum) - January 29 – January 31; February 12 – February 14; February 26 – February 28; April 15 – April 17; May 20 – May 22; June 24 – June 26; July 29 – July 31; August 19 – August 21; September 23 – September 25; October 21 – October 23; November 11 – November 13; December 2 – December 4. **CONTAINER REFRIGERATION** - (2-Week Course - 10 students maximum) - February 26 – March 8; December 2 – December 13. **DAMAGE CONTROL/CBRN** - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - February 26 – March 1; June 10 – June 14; September 23 – September 27. **DIESEL ENGINEERING** - (6-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - April 15 – May 24. **ENGINE ROOM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - June 17 – June 21; August 12 – August 16. **FAST RESCUE BOAT** - (4-Day Course - 5 students maximum) - May 20 – May 23; July 29 – August 1; October 21 – October 24. **GAS TURBINE ENGINEERING** - (5-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - January 15 – February 16.

INDUSTRIAL NETWORKING - (1-Week Course - 10 students maximum) - April 8 – April 12; September 16 – September 20. **INSTRUMENTATION** - (2-Week Course - 10 students maximum) - March 4 – March 15; May 6 – May 17; October 7 – October 18. **LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT** - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - June 10 – June 14; August 19 – August 23. **LNG AS A FUEL** - (4-Day Course - 12 students maximum) - January 8 – January 11; March 11 – March 14; April 29 – May 2; May 13 – May 16; August 26 – August 29; September 16 – September 19; October 14 – October 17; December 9 – December 12. **MACHINE SHOP PROFICIENCY** - (2-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - February 26 – March 8; August 19 – August 30; September 23 – October 4. **MARINE ELECTRIC PROPULSION/HIGH VOLTAGE SAFETY** - (2-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - March 4 – March 15; May 13 – May 24; August 19 – August 30; October 21 – November 1. **MEECE** - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - February 12 – February 16; June 3 – June 7; August 26 – August 30; December 9 – December 13. **MSC CONMAR** - (2-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - April 22 – May 3; August 5 – August 16; October 28 – November 8. **PRACTICAL ELECTRICAL TROUBLESHOOTING** - (2-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - June 17 – June 28; August 5 – August 16; September 9 – September 20. **PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLERS** - (1-Week Course - 10 students maximum) - January 15 – January 19; June 24 – June 28; August 5 – August 9; November 11 - November 15. **REFRIGERATION** - (2-Week Course - 10 students maximum) - January 29 – February 9. **SHIPS REACTION FORCE** - (3-Day Course - 12 students maximum) - March 11 – March 13; May 13 – May 15; September 16 – September 18. **SMALL ARMS** - (4-Day Course - 10 students maximum - Security Watchstander Adv is offered on Friday) - March 4 – 7; May 6 – May 9; September 9 – September 12. **STEAM ENGINEERING** - (6-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - October 14 – November 22. **TANKERMAN DL** - (1-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - April 8 – April 12; June 3 – June 7; September 9 – September 13. December 2 – December 6. **TANKSHIP – LNG** - (2-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - March 18 – March 29. **TIG WELDING** - (2-Week Course - 6 students maximum) - October 14 – October 25. **WARTSILA FLEX BASIC LEVEL 1** - (3-Day Course - 12 students maximum) - TBD. **WARTSILA FLEX OPERATOR LEVEL 2** - (1-Week Course - 10 students maximum) - TBD. **WELDING** - (4-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - January 8 – February 2; October 28 – November 22. **WELDING PROFICIENCY** - (2-Week Course - 12 students maximum) - December 2 – December 13.

DRUG-FREE CERTIFICATE REMINDER TO HELP EXPEDITE PROCESSING

Members and applicants should be reminded that, in certain situations, they may need to follow-up with the M.E.B.A. Plans office to ensure swift turn-around times for obtaining drug-free certificates necessary for shipping.

Following the drug screening appointment, the M.E.B.A. Plans office will mail the member's Drug Free Certificate to them (or to the hall) promptly after they receive the drug test results from Quest Diagnostics.

However, if the results are not forwarded to the member (or hall) within five days after the appointment, the member should contact the Plans office to ensure that the process has not been delayed by any associated problems.

As an additional note, drug testing appointments at Quest are not necessary – walk-ins are permitted. You can visit www.questdiagnostics.com to make an appointment online or find out the location of a nearby Quest collection site where you can show up for a walk-in visit.

INTERNATIONAL PROP CLUB TAPS CONATSER

Maria Conatser, a top official at Nashville, Tennessee’s Ingram Barge Company, has been elected to a two-year term as the first-ever female President of the 96-year old International Propeller Club of the United States, succeeding Jim Patti.

“This is a huge honor being elected to this position representing more than 5,000 members from our global network of clubs,” she noted. “We are ambitious and aim to substantially increase that membership by at least another 1,000 and ramp up the number of clubs to more than 100 clubs for our 100th anniversary in 2027.”

“Maritime transport carries over 90% of global merchandise trade, totaling some 11 billion tons of cargo per year, but we are too often out of sight and mind. To tackle this, we need to raise awareness of the industry and attract the best minds to help us innovate, embrace digitization, and squarely face environmental challenges. I further want to champion the maritime industry as an exciting career for young men and women across many disciplines from engineering and logistics to professional services and leadership roles,” she said.

SHIPPING COMPANIES HONORED FOR CALIFORNIA WHALE PROTECTION

Eight global shipping companies, including Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd, have been honored for reducing ship speeds off the coast of California to protect whales and reduce environmental impact. Companies were honored for running their vessels at 10 knots or less in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Southern California region.

The ten-knot target complements the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Coast Guard, and Environmental Protection Agency requests for all vessels (300 gross tons or larger) to reduce speeds during the months of peak air pollution and endangered blue, humpback, and fin whale abundance to protect these whales from ship strikes. The voluntary incentive program for these awards ran from May 1, 2022 through December 15, 2022.

Ship strikes are a threat to whales globally and to the recovery of endangered blue, fin, and humpback whales in California waters. Reducing the risk of ship strikes is a major priority of NOAA’s, including NOAA’s West Coast national marine sanctuaries. From 2007-2022, observed and documented deaths off of California totaled 52 endangered whales. This is thought to represent only a small fraction of the total number of ship strikes taking place annually.

1-888-519-0018; M.E.B.A. HOTLINE FOR EMERGENCIES

Since 2011, M.E.B.A. has maintained an emergency hotline set up for members with urgent needs and crisis situations requiring immediate attention. In most cases, either calling your M.E.B.A. Union hall or office during normal business hours or sending an e-mail is enough to get your concern resolved. The Hotline should become an option only if the weight of the issue demands that it be addressed immediately and at the highest priority.

Those who call the line should be prepared to fully brief the Hotline responder with extensive details of their issue as well as their contact information. Please leave a comprehensive message in the rare event that the official is away from their phone at the time of your call. The official fielding the call will route the concern to the appropriate M.E.B.A. contact taking into account the issue's magnitude.

Please keep the number on hand if the need ever arises: 1-888-519-0018

APPLICANTS SEEKING MEMBERSHIP SHOULD FORWARD DOCUMENTATION

Qualified applicants trying to make membership in December must make sure they provide Headquarters with required documentation to ensure their inclusion on the next District Investigating Committee (DIC) report. The DIC meets twice a year to review applicants for membership and will issue a report in late November to be voted upon by members during the regular December membership meetings.

To make membership, an applicant needs the required sailing days or specified years of employment with a particular bargaining unit, must be current with service charges and must complete other necessary requirements which may include an initiation fee and/or letters of recommendation. Applicants should know that they are responsible for providing their local Union hall/Headquarters with the documentation demonstrating their fulfillment of the application requirements.

Once they submit the requisite amount of sea time (or documented years of service) to Headquarters and have otherwise fulfilled the needed requirements as stated in the application packet they signed, they may be eligible for membership. Applicants who have fulfilled the necessary requirements should forward their information to Headquarters.

Qualified applicants who fail to make the deadline will have to wait another six months – until the June 2024 report – to make membership. For further information you can visit your local union hall or contact the HQ Membership Department at (202) 638-5355 or membership@mebaunion.org

NEXT MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS *(All times are local)*

Monday, November 6 – **Boston@1200; Seattle (Fife)@1300.**

Tuesday, November 7 – **CMES@1430; Charleston@1400; Houston@1315; Oakland@1230.**

Wednesday, November 8 – **Jacksonville@1300; New Orleans@1315; Online HQ “Town Hall” Meeting@1300 (No Voting) – Register by emailing mebahq@mebaunion.org**

Thursday, November 9 – **L.A. (San Pedro)@1230; NY/NJ@1300; Norfolk@1300; Tampa@1300.**

Monday, November 13 – **Honolulu@1100.**

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If you see something, say something – The M.E.B.A. Emergency Hotline
can be reached at 1-888-519-0018.***