
NYCHA Maritime Career Readiness Program RFEI

Virtual Information Session | August 18th, 2026

Program Overview

As committed in the BMT Vision Plan, NYCEDC will identify an operator for a new **NYCHA Maritime Career Readiness Program** for young adult residents of NYCHA properties within the vicinity of BMT – specifically Red Hook Houses West, Red Hook Houses East, Gowanus Houses and Wyckoff Houses. The program will focus on introducing residents ages 16-24 to potential maritime career pathways and may include the following:

- Classroom instruction & field trips
- Professional mentors & job shadowing
- Swimming instruction & CPR/First Aid
- Basic credentials (e.g., drivers license, TWIC certification, etc.)
- Career planning and individual advising

Core Program Offerings

Career Awareness &
Industry Exposure

Work-based Learning &
Professional Development

Water Safety &
Maritime Preparedness

Credentialing &
Occupational Training

Program Detail

Respondents will be expected to propose cohort-based models with a multi-pronged approach to include opportunities across **four key areas**:

Career Awareness & Industry Exposure

- Classroom-based career exploration
- Site visits, field trips, and tours of maritime facilities, ports, terminals, vessels, shipyards, and other waterfront employers
- Industry guest speakers and employer-led career panels
- Exposure to a variety of Blue Highways occupations

Work-based Learning & Professional Development

- Structured mentorship opportunities with maritime industry professionals
- Job shadowing experiences and informational interviews
- Hands-on learning opportunities, simulations and practical maritime skills training
- Paid internships, apprenticeships, or direct connections to employment

Water Safety & Maritime Preparedness

- Swimming instruction and water safety training
- Basic seamanship and vessel safety education
- Emergency preparedness and survival-at-sea awareness training

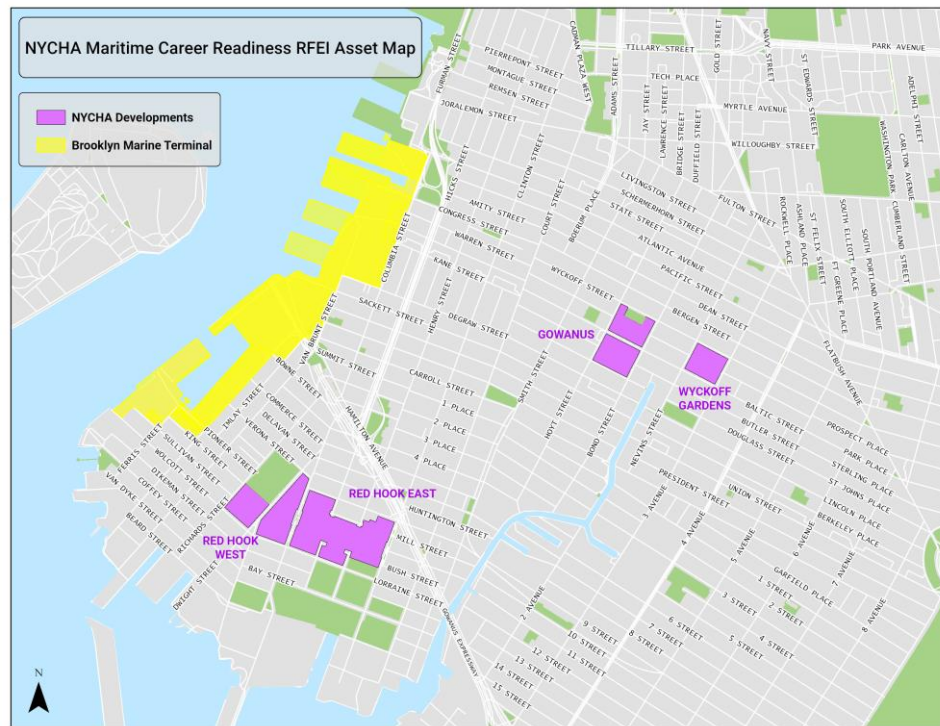
Credentialing & Occupational Training

- Standard Class D License
- TWIC Card
- USCG-approved STCW Basic Training Certifications (i.e, Basic Fire Fighting, Personal Survival, Personal Safety, and First Aid)

Program Impact

The Program aims to help address longstanding barriers to workforce participation by increasing awareness of maritime careers, building industry-relevant skills, and creating direct connections to training and employment opportunities. By targeting underserved NYCHA communities, the program seeks to:

- **Decrease** the racial disparity in maritime careers
- **Expand** opportunities for women in maritime careers
- **Ensure** long-term workforce sustainability in aging workforce



NYCHA developments outlined within the BMT Vision Plan

Operator Procurement Timeline

RFEI findings will be used to refine and finalize the scope of a Program Operator RFP targeted for release at the beginning of 2027.



Please submit questions to NYCHAMaritimeRFEI@edc.nyc no later than **5:00 P.M. on October 14, 2026**. Answers to all questions will be posted by Thursday, October 22, 2026.

Thank You!

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