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### Captain Kelly at the Helm

Kelly Ewing is at home on the water and off. As a SkillsUSA advisor at Manatee Technical Institute and a Marine Service Technology teacher for the past eight years, Kelly teaches students from 16 to 76. Using a self-paced program, students learn what it takes to become a marine technician who can work on any boat system. From engines to trailers, on fiberglass or wooden hulls, students learn the mechanical and structural skills necessary to repair boats of all sizes and shapes. Engines in various states of repair surround the shop. Outside the building is a large tank of water where students can test engines they have reassembled. Down the walkway students work on replacing the floor in a boat and repairing its fiberglass hull. One of Kelly's goals is to teach students how to use service manuals and the proper tools to adapt to unique situations safely. With Captain Kelly at the helm, you can be sure students are learning to float your boat—and are building a better future around our local waterways.

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### A Mariner's Life for Pedro

Pedro Cabrera has always loved the water. From early childhood, Pedro has enjoyed fishing, boating, and water sports. He has ventured 60 miles out into the Gulf to go deep-sea fishing. While diving with his dad, he was surprised by a sea turtle that thought his arm looked like an appetizer. He's been zooming around on his Jet Ski when the engine flooded and stalled. Fortunately, he was able to draw on his newly acquired knowledge from MTI's Marine Service Technology program to get the Jet Ski started again. A 2007 graduate of Bayshore High School, Pedro got a jump-start on his dream job by attending the program while still a high school senior. During his senior year, Pedro competed at the SkillsUSA State competition and came home with a silver medal in the Marine Technology Service event. Whether it is rebuilding a carburetor, deep-sea diving with his dad, or seafaring across the Gulf of Mexico, it is a mariner's life for Pedro Cabrera.

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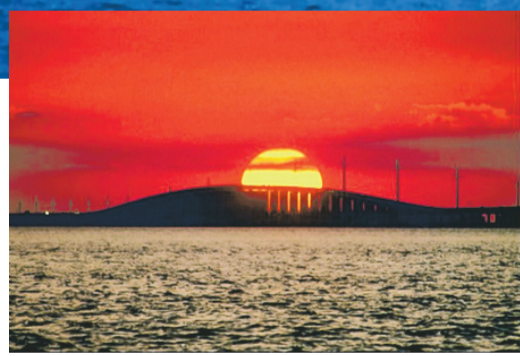
## MARINE TECHNOLOGY STAY SAFE ON OUR WATERWAYS

Since Manatee and Sarasota Counties have easy access to rivers, the bay, and the gulf, our area is highly involved with boats and other types of watercraft. Did you know that the world of boating has its own traffic rules, terms, safety guidelines, and speed limits just like vehicles on the road? Specific channel markers help guide boaters as well as indicate shallow or deep areas, manatee zones, no wake zones, etc. Boaters can be "pulled over" for reckless driving or speeding, and there are severe penalties for driving a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The sun and water's effects on vision, balance, and judgment already add an extra challenge to boating, so imagine trying to safely steer a boat while intoxicated—it's very dangerous.

Safety on a boat is imperative. Besides avoiding alcohol, boaters should do the following:

- **Check the weather.** Incoming storms, dark clouds, and rough winds are a good indication to stay off the water.
- **Use lifejackets.** Since most drowning victims were not found wearing a lifejacket, this little tip could save a life.
- **Learn to swim.** This tip is common sense for those in and around the water. Check with your local YMCA for lessons.
- **Create a float plan.** Leave pertinent information (address, phone numbers, names of all on the boat, itinerary of the trip, boat registration, types of communication devices on board) with a family member or the local marina.

To jump-start your career around Manatee waters, enroll in the Marine Service Technology program at Manatee Technical Institute. Visit <http://www.ManateeTechnicalInstitute.org>



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### Career Pathways in Manatee County

**Regional Careers:** Here are examples of related occupations and current wages in the Suncoast Workforce Region.

Occupational	Entry	Average	Exper.
Cargo and Freight Agents	\$14.28	\$17.30	\$18.81
Electric Motor, Power Tool, and Related Repairers	\$7.33	\$12.28	\$14.76
Electro-Mechanical Technicians	\$14.72	\$17.20	\$18.45
Environmental Scientists and Specialists	\$16.83	\$23.29	\$26.53
Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	\$11.21	\$14.29	\$15.83
Motorboat Mechanics	\$12.86	\$16.92	\$18.94
Riggers	\$17.69	\$21.69	\$23.69

Source: <http://fred.labormarketinfo.com>  
 FL Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics & Wages Program

**Career Pathway:** Students desiring a career in any of these areas can find related educational programs at these schools\*:

Manatee Technical Institute  
 Manatee Community College  
 University of South Florida

\*Other Manatee schools may offer similar programs. Listed schools are related to today's issue.

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## Ahoy, Mates! Improve Your Boat Vocabulary

Don't act like a landlubber...match these watery words with their correct definition. Write the correct letter beside the word.

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|---------------------|---|
| 1. Starboard _____  | A. The left side of a boat  |
| 2. Stern _____      | B. The front of a boat  |
| 3. Bow _____        | C. A compartment at the bottom of a boat where water collects and is pumped out later |
| 4. Port _____       | D. The system of masts and lines on sailing vessels                                   |
| 5. Hull _____       | E. The right side of a boat   |
| 6. Sheepshank _____ | F. A type of knot   |
| 7. Bilge _____      | G. The shell and framework of a boat  |
| 8. Rigging _____    | H. The back of a boat   |

Answers: 1-E, 2-H, 3-B, 4-A, 5-G, 6-F, 7-C, 8-D



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