



THAMES
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ACADEMY

Marine Engineering Apprenticeship Open Day
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Thames Skills Academy – Who are we?

- A not-for-profit set up to raise standards and skills on the tidal Thames
- Founded by and working in Partnership with Company of Watermen & Lightermen, Transport for London, Port of London Authority and Tideway
- Funded by Founding Members and Employers on the Thames
- Offer services to Members and Non Members on the Thames and inland waterways



Thames Skills Academy – What we do?

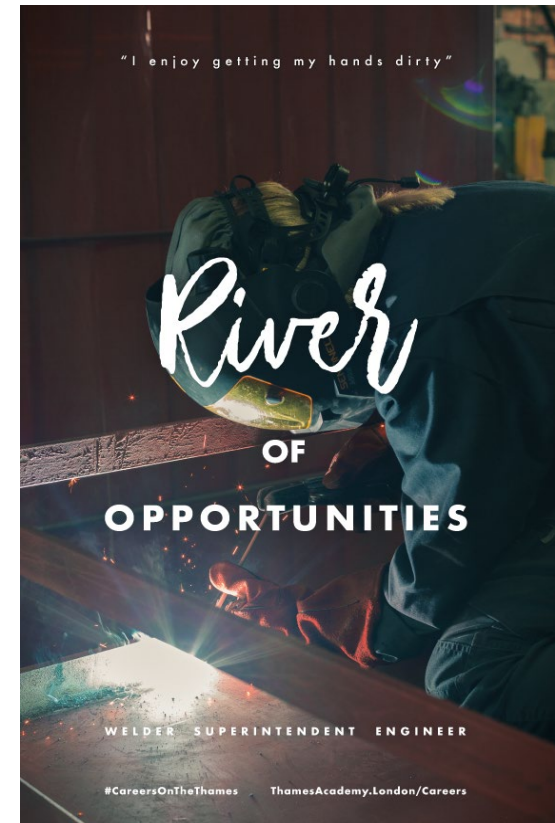
Raising skills and standards on the tidal Thames

- High quality, cost-effective training and apprenticeships in London for Members and Non Members
- Bespoke training to meet local employers' needs
- Accessing Government and other funding for apprenticeships to meet needs for Engineers and Skippers/Mates



Thames Skills Academy: What we do?

Promote and attract talent to the sector



Why Maritime Engineering Apprenticeship established?

- At the request of the Thames Skills Academy, South Essex College have set up a Maritime Engineering Apprenticeship Programme to meet increasing demand for engineering skills on the Thames
- First maritime engineering apprenticeship programme close to London that gets the Government funding
- Partnership working. Apprenticeship workshop set up with donations from companies. Today's event at Hall.
- Apprenticeship tailored to Thames' employers' needs: core and options & day release
- Pilot of three apprentices started in Autumn 2018
- Launched last year at the Open Day in June 2019
- Now recruiting for 2020 start

Find out about the Engineering Apprenticeship today

- **Current employer** on the benefits an apprentice brings to your business
- **Maritime engineering skills from the apprenticeship**
 - Simon Lofting CMI, Head of Maritime Engineering at South Essex, with 30 years' experience in marine diesel engines.
- **Funding assistance**
 - 95%+ of the £26,000 cost of the apprenticeship from Government
 - Additional financial assistance from the Worship Company of Shipwrights
- **Current** apprentices' experience
- **Next steps** including meeting young people interested in the apprenticeship