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## Apprenticeship Special Edition



Many of us are glad to leave 2020 behind. Although it certainly was a challenging year, we also have reason to celebrate.

### Congratulations to the 4 graduated Boatmasters

In 2017 the TSA introduced the apprenticeship scheme to support employers along the Thames to find and train their future Boatmasters. Together with PLA and SeaRegs we are incredibly proud of our 4 apprentices **Scarlett**, **Joe**, **Ted** and **Jeremie** who graduated in 2020.

### Welcome to the 2021 new starters

SeaRegs Training and the TSA are excited to announce that **Dan**, **Joe**, **Sam** and **Sime** started their apprenticeship in January 2021 and South Essex College will welcome 7 apprentices to start the Maritime Engineer apprenticeship this Spring.

This is why we have dedicated this newsletter to **apprenticeships on the Thames**:

- Remember: additional governmental funding is available until 31st March 2021
- Congratulations to the "fantastic four"
- National apprenticeship week
- Apprenticeship types
- How to join

### Also happening this Spring:

- March dates of our [Established courses](#)
- New courses in 2021: [Riverside personal safety course for leisure](#)

**Find out more on our new Apprenticeship page**

### Reminder - the best time to join the apprenticeship scheme is now!

"Apprenticeships are a great way to upskill workforce, giving youngsters the opportunity to grow and develop." Your words not ours!

[In addition, the government provides support available until 31 January 2021](#) for newly hired apprentices joining your organisation. £2,000 for apprentices aged 16 to 24 and £1,500 for apprentices aged 25+.



Hear from **Scarlett** and **Rosie** what they like about working on the river and how the apprenticeship scheme supported their career on the Thames.

**Rachel DeBont**, PLA marine training manager and mentor of the first graduated apprentices said: "I am very proud of all they achieved in very difficult circumstances".

The "fantastic four" as we call them at the TSA, are "heading up" this newsletter. Congratulations to **Scarlett Barnett-Smith**, **Jeremie Dousselin**, **Ted Jones** and **Joseph Thomson**! We wish you all the best for your future and are sure that you will inspire lots of apprentices to come.

**Read the full story and watch more videos**



# Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week 2021  
8 to 14 February

The annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships, taking place across England, will showcase how apprenticeships have helped employers and people of all ages and backgrounds. Employers are encouraged to promote the great work of their apprentices, whilst highlighting the many benefits apprenticeships bring to their business. Apprentices, at all stages of their learning will also be celebrated over the course of National Apprenticeship Week 2021.

[Read the top 5 FAQs about the TSA apprenticeships](#)

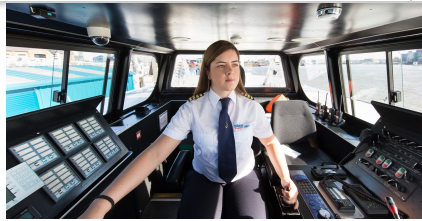
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### Maritime Engineer

Maritime engineers are involved with the design, construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair of the main propulsion engines and auxiliary machinery and systems found in all kinds of ships, boats and offshore installations. Essentially they are keeping the vessel operating on the Thames as much as possible.

The [maritime engineer qualification](#) includes Maritime engineering training on mechanics, welding, electronics and hydraulics. The first 2 years of the apprenticeship are at Level 2 and the following 2 years at Level 3.



### Boatmaster

A Boatmaster often navigates vessels through busy and highly challenging waterways. Opportunities in this industry are very wide-ranging - for instance, a Boatmaster could be the captain of a single vessel tourist boat or could be working for a large freight operator, responsible for safely moving freight along the river to a port.

The [Boatmaster apprenticeship](#) provides the skillssets needed to cover the whole of the BML syllabus, as well as additional skills including leadership requested by employers. There is a total of 24 qualification once completed.

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### ALSO HAPPENING THIS SPRING Courses March 2021



### Riverside Personal Safety Training 10th March 2021

The course for operators working close to water relying on rescue equipment: on 10th March 2021

[Book now](#)



### Barge loading Course 8th & 9th March 2021

This is a two-day course which focuses on how to moor different types of vessel and how to safely load and unload them.

[Book now](#)

### NEW Refresher Riverside Personal Safety, 11th March 2021

A half-day online Refresher Course for past attendees on 11th March 2021 [Book now](#)

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### BACK IN 2021: River Personal Safety Course for leisure industry

The Thames is often called "The lifeline of London" and rightfully so. The river is a fantastic place for canoeing, kayaking, rowing and many other fun pursuits. But what to do if yourself or someone else ends up in the river needing help?

The TSA has added this special format of the River Personal Safety Course to support organisation within the leisure industry keeping customers and themselves safe. This course also caters for members of the public, spending leisure time on the Thames.

[Hear from a participant why they recommend the course.](#)

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