

“Women on the Water” at Massachusetts Maritime Acad. to feature tour of New Bedford Harbor, offshore wind

“BUZZARDS BAY, MA, ISSUED FEBRUARY 20, 2024... As host in partnership with U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) of this year’s Women on the Water (WOW) Conference, Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA; www.maritime.edu), a top-ranked public university with undergraduate degree programs focusing on science, engineering, technology, math, and business that blend academics and experiential learning, has planned a tour of the New Bedford Harbor for those registered to attend the February 29-March 2 event.

The off-site tour, scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, will transport participants from the Academy to the Cuttyhunk Ferry for a guided tour of the New Bedford Harbor, focusing on offshore wind, during which representatives from Clean Energy Center (CEC), the New Bedford Ocean Cluster (NBOC), and the New Bedford Port Authority will provide information about offshore wind and address the collaboration between private sector, public sector, and academic partners to establish New Bedford as the leading ocean economy on the East Coast.



Massachusetts Maritime Academy photo.

The tour is scheduled for the final day of the Women on the Water Conference, a summit that showcases the remarkable achievements of women in the maritime industry and highlights their essential contributions to the nation's maritime workforce. The conference features panel discussions, keynote speeches, mock interviews and networking events designed to prepare female cadets and maritime students for the ever-evolving maritime industry.

Women on the Water offers cadets an invaluable opportunity to learn from seasoned mariners, industry leaders and experts in maritime professional development. The conference's primary goal is to foster camaraderie and facilitate networking among peers.

Registration remains open for those wishing to attend the conference. To register, please visit <https://www.maritime.edu/wow>.

"The New Bedford Harbor tour will be the perfect culmination of the inspiring WOW Conference," said Rear Admiral Francis X. McDonald, USMS, president of the Massachusetts Maritime

Academy.”