

# Learning the ropes of seamanship at Tongue Point

## A unique part of Job Corps

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Seamanship cadet Nadiyah Taylor on her graduation day.

Securing a vessel to a dock is hard, physical work. But Nadiyah Taylor handles everything without hesitation — from the cold drizzle coating the ship's deck to her trainer's insistent instructions: "Take in more slack. Don't take it all the way off the cleat, just give it one half-turn."

When we caught up with her again in December 2017, Taylor was ready to head back to Virginia with her newly minted "AB" (Able Seaman) and "QMED" (Qualified Member of the Engine Department) credentials in-hand.

"It gets you ready for the real world," Taylor said of the program. "Actually, Taylor has been dealing with the 'real world' since long before she joined Job Corps."

In 2005, Taylor's 17-year-old brother Demario Joyner was shot and killed by police outside a Virginia Beach club where Taylor and her friends were attending a teen event. She was 12 years old. By the time Taylor was 18, she was the mother of two young daughters and at 23, she was working three jobs to earn enough to raise them.

At 24, Taylor became the seamanship program's first African-American woman to graduate with both her AB and QMED credentials. On graduation day, she reflected on her brother Demario.

"He'd be excited. I'm kind of living his dream, you know," she said, recalling how her brother was planning to become a marine seaman before he was killed. "It's like he's here."

"The young men and women that come here, they don't have a lot of opportunities," says Len Tumbarello, a retired Coast Guard captain and director of the seamanship program.

"They've had some tough things happen in their life. They need some financial help and knowing that they get three meals, a roof over their head, training, a place to go Monday through Sunday is a good thing."

More than half of seamanship students come from underserved communities and are economically challenged. Students can earn their high school diplomas or GEDs while in the program.

Some also go on to the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Center program at Clatsop Community College for advanced mar-

itime courses, Tumbarello said. "On average, our students have the opportunity to make \$50,000 to \$70,000 a year — right out of the gate — entry level."

According to Tumbarello, about 95 percent of seamanship students complete the rigorous 18- to 24-month course to earn the Merchant Mariners credentials, and 92 percent of those land a job within six months of graduation.

Since the maritime industry is the single-largest importer and exporter of goods in the U.S. by weight, Tumbarello is bullish on the industry's ability to supply good jobs long into the future.

Two months after graduating, Nadiyah Taylor landed a six-weeks-on, three-weeks-off job as a deckhand working on a cruise vessel plying the Mississippi River system.

Four months after starting that job, she was promoted to bosun, a supervisory position where she oversees a crew of six. Taylor credits the skills she developed being away from home in Job Corps for earning that promotion.

"I learned how to handle people from various backgrounds and a lot of different situations that arise," she said.

Taylor is now studying for her mate's license.

If she passes, the credential

will open the door for another promotion and more money.

"My goal was to get one job where I could take care of my kids financially and have time off to be with them. It's a great start and I make more money than a lot of other people I went to school with," she confides with a laugh.

Now almost one year after graduation, Taylor's job has given her the steadiness and security to dream.

"I'd like to have my own 24-hour day care business someday," says the single mom. "I love kids. But for now, as long as I keep my credentials up to date, there will always be work."



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# SCHEDULE

Evening listings  
MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING				A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside				L - Charter Long Beach				NOVEMBER 5	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Dancing With the Stars "Country Night" (N)				Doctor "Two-Ply (or Not Two-Ply)" (N)		News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Dancing With the Stars "Country Night" (N)				Doctor "Two-Ply (or Not Two-Ply)" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
6	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	The Voice "The Knockouts, Part 3" (N)				Manifest "Off Radar" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Neighborhood (N)   H.Together (N)	Magnum "The Cat Who Cried Wolf" (N)			Bull (N)		News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Neighborhood (N)   H.Together (N)	Magnum "The Cat Who Cried Wolf" (N)			Bull (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Knockouts, Part 3" (N)				Manifest "Off Radar" (N)		News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Arrow "Level Two" (N)	LegendTOMOR. "Dancing Queen" (N)			News (N)   Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Rd. "Charleston (Hour One)"	An Oregon Experience "Linus Pauling"			Antiques Rd. "Charleston (Hour Two)"		Independent Lens	"Dawnland" (N)
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Resident "Trial and Error" (N)	9-1-1 "Buck Actually" (N)			10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDX	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)	Prime News (N)			Big Bang Theory   Family Guy		American Dad!	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Resident "Trial and Error" (N)	9-1-1 "Buck Actually" (N)			Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy			Family Guy   Full Frontal (N)		Final Space	Full Frontal
20	KZJL	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9			Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) (5:15) NFL Football Tennessee Titans at Dallas Cowboys (L)				(15) SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	NFL PrimeTime			SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		Poker World Series	SportsCenter
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:15) NFL Fútbol Americano Tennessee Titans at Dallas Cowboys (L)				(15) C. Football	(45) College Football Final						SportsCenter
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare			To Be Announced		Friends	(35) Friends
32	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Andi Mack (N)	Coop & Cami			Raven's Home		Bunk'd	Raven's Home
34	FAM	(34) Movie	*** Maleficent (2014, Adventure) Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley, Angelina Jolie.	*** Jumanji (1995, Fantasy) Bonnie Hunt, Kirsten Dunst, Robin Williams.								The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:50) Ice Age: Collision Course (16) Ray Romano.		(45) *** Rio (11, Ani) Voices of Anne Hathaway, Jesse Eisenberg.						*** Big (1988, Comedy) Elizabeth Perkins, Tom Hanks.			(50) FXM Presents
38	LIFE	(38) The First 48 "Bail Out/ Seeing Red"		The First 48 "Mixed Up/ Blind Alley"		The First 48 "Double Life"				First 48 "To Die for/ Highway Revenge"			(35) PD Women
38	ROOT	(38) (4:00) NCAA Football		NCAA Football						Press Pass (N)   UFC UFC 77: Hostile Territory			(35) PD Women
39	F51	(39) (5:00) UFC UFC 223											CFB: Inside Slant
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			TMZ Sports (N)   Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.			CFB: Inside Slant
44	COM	(44) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park			*** The Hangover Part II (2011, Comedy) Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.			Movie
45	HIST	(45) Amer. Pickers "Hidden in Plane Sight"		American Pickers "Hot Rod Hero"		American Pickers "One Wheel Deal"				American Pickers "High Flying Pick" (N)		(05) Amer. Pickers "Adrenaline Junkie"	(05) A. Pickers "The Georgia Gambler"
46	A&E	(46) Ancient Aliens "The Power of Three"		Ancient Aliens "Secrets of the Tombs"		Ancient Aliens "Destination Ori"				Ancient Aliens "The Mayan Conspiracy"		(05) Ancient Aliens	(05) Ancient Aliens
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Long Island Medium (N)		Long Island Medium (N)				Mama Medium (P) (N)		Face "Feelings of Abandonment" (N)	Long Island Medium
48	DISC	(48) OutlawsMemphis "A Bumpy Start"		OutlawsMemphis "Tricia Fights Back"		Memphis "Pennsylvania Mania" (N)				Memphis "Big Apple, Big Mouths" (N)		Race Night at Bowman Gray (N)	Brake Room (N)   Brake Room (N)
49	NGEO	(49) Lost Cities "The Legend is Real"		Atlantis Rising "Secrets Decoded"		Drain the Great Lakes				Drain the Oceans "Stormy Seas" (N)		Titanic:20YearsLater	Drain the Great Lakes
50	TNT	(50) (5:15) *** Jurassic Park (1993, Sci-Fi) Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, Sam Neill.		*** National Lampoon's Vacation (83) Beverly D'Angelo, Chevy Chase.		*** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997, Adventure) Julianne Moore, Pete Postlethwaite, Jeff Goldblum.				*** Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy) Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid, Chevy Chase.			The Alienist "Many Sainted Men"
51	AMC	(51) (4:00) We Bought a Zoo Matt Damon.		*** National Lampoon's European Vacation (83) Beverly D'Angelo, Chevy Chase.		*** Jumanji (1995, Fantasy) Bonnie Hunt, Kirsten Dunst, Robin Williams.				*** Big (1988, Comedy) Elizabeth Perkins, Tom Hanks.			National Lampoon's European Vaca...
52	USA	(52) Modern Family   Modern Family		Modern Family   Modern Family		WWWE Monday Night Raw				(05) PD Women (N)   (35) PD Women (N)   (05) PD Women			(05) Modern Fam
53	FOOD	(53) Holiday Baking "Comfort And Joy"		Holiday Baking "Tradition! Tradition!"		Hol.Bake "Holiday Essentials" (SP) (N)				Hol.Bake "Holiday Essentials" (SP) (N)			Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge
54	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It		Love/Listen "All About That Basement"		Love It or List It "Laundry Overload"				House Hunters (N)   House Hunters (N)			House Hunters
58	FX	(58) (5:30) *** Independence Day: Resurgence (16) Maika Monroe, Liam Hemsworth.		*** White House Down (2013, Action) Jamie Foxx, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Channing Tatum.									The Purge: Election Year Frank Grillo.
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360				Cuomo Prime Time			Anderson Cooper 360
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night				Hannity			The Ingraham Angle
61	CNBC	(61) American Greed: Scam		Deadly Rich "Mommy Deadliest" (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight				Deadly Rich "Mommy Deadliest"			Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) H.Wives "Heat Waves and Hot Flashes"		The Real Housewives "Blow up"		The Real Housewives "The Day After"				The Real Housewives of Atlanta			Watch What (N)   Real Housewives
64	TRM	(64) (5:00) Little Caesar		*** I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang (32) Paul Muni.		(15) *** Mystery of the Wax Museum (33) Lionel Atwill.				(45) *** The Secret Bride (35) Barbara Stanwyck.			The Match King (32) Warren William.
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) Men in Black II (02) Will Smith.		(55) *** Bruce Almighty (03) Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Aniston, Jim Carrey.		*** The Last Witch Hunter (2015, Action) Rose Leslie, Elijah Wood, Vin Diesel.							Futurama   Futurama
162	RFD	(162) Rancher (N)	Red Steagall (N)	Horse Master 2/2	Horse of the West	Craig Cameron 1/2	Rural Eve. News			Rural America "Live" "My Pillow"		American Rancher	Red Steagall
													Product Showcase