



PROSPECTUS OF

## THE NEW YORK NAUTICAL SCHOOL

### LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THE SCHOOL.

The New York Nautical School is conducted by the Board of Education of the City of New York in accordance with the provisions of Section 1157 of Chapter 466 of the Laws of 1901 (known as the Revised New York City Charter). The Nautical School was established in pursuance to an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed on the 24th day of April, 1873; and is at present maintained on board the United States Ship Newport, loaned by the Navy Department for this purpose pursuant to an Act of the Congress of the United States of June 20, 1874.

### OBJECT OF THE SCHOOL.

The purpose of the school is: "for the instruction of youths in navigation, seamanship, marine engineering and all matters pertaining to the proper construction, equipment and sailing of vessels; or any particular branch thereof." It is intended to prepare the students to become officers in the Merchant Marine.

### MANAGEMENT.

The school is under the immediate control of the Executive Committee on the Nautical School.

The Superintendent and most of the instructors are officers of the Navy, the President of the United States being authorized by the law "to detail proper officers of the Navy as superintendents of, or instructors in, such schools."



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## REGULATIONS FOR ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES.

The Training Ship of the Board of Education of the City of New York is in no sense a reformatory, or a sanitarium, and only boys of good character, who will appreciate and avail themselves of the instruction, are admitted; nor will they be allowed to remain on board unless they yield prompt and willing obedience to the rules and regulations of the ship, and make fair progress in their studies. Boys who are not rugged in physique and resolute in spirit, or boys who are at all afraid of work, or the general privations that may accompany a seafaring life, are not suited to become students in this school.

Application blanks may be obtained by addressing the Superintendent, Training Ship Newport, Foot of East 24th Street, or the Chairman of the Executive Committee on the Nautical School, Hall of the Board of Education, 500 Park Avenue, New York City.

Applicants will be notified when to present themselves on board the Training Ship for physical and mental examination. Examinations are held about twice each month during the Winter Term.

The following qualifications are necessary for candidates:

*First*—They must be between the ages of sixteen and twenty years.

*Second*—They must be of normal size, of sound constitution, and free from all physical defects, and must pass a physical examination.

*Third*—They must produce testimonials of character.

*Fourth*—They must have an inclination for a seafaring life and enter the school of their own free will.

*Fifth*—They must be able to pass a satisfactory mental examination.

*Sixth*—They must have either a parent or guardian residing in the City of New York to sign the necessary papers.

*Seventh*—The sum of \$25.00 must be paid upon entrance to defray the expense of uniforms and bedding during the two years' course. And they must be provided with underclothing and accessories as per clothing list.

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*Ninth*—During the Winter Term Cadets will be sent home for Saturdays and Sundays; no provision can be made for them on the Newport.

*Should the cadet be withdrawn, desert or be dismissed or dropped, the deposit is forfeited.*

Uniforms do not become the property of the pupil, and, should a boy be withdrawn, dropped or dismissed, the uniforms remain "ship's property." Articles belonging to the ship, and articles of clothing and books belonging to the school, that are lost or injured through the carelessness of the pupils, must be replaced at their own expense.

## CLOTHING LIST.

(Articles to be renewed when necessary.)

One stencil brush.	One pair dark blue swimming tights.
One name stencil—plain, $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch letters.	Three towels.
One small bottle stencil ink—black.	One stiff scrub brush about six inches long.
Two pairs high black leather lace shoes.	One tooth brush and powder.
One pair half hip rubber boots.	One small wisp brush.
One dark blue overcoat (Navy pattern).	One hair brush and comb.
One dark blue sweater (Navy pattern).	One small box containing blacking and brush.
Three suits heavy underwear.	One small hand mirror.
Three pairs heavy socks.	One small housewife equipped.
Three pocket handkerchiefs.	One jack-knife (with shackle for lanyard).
	One pair black gymnasium slippers.

## ADDITIONAL FOR CRUISE.

One cheap watch—Senior Class only (about \$1.50).	Three pairs of light socks.
Three suits of light underwear.	One pair high black leather shoes.
	Half dozen pairs shoe-laces.

## COURSE OF STUDY AND INSTRUCTION.

Two years are required to complete the course and to obtain a certificate of graduation. The school year begins about Nov. 1st, and is divided into the winter term, from November first to April first, and the summer term, from April twentieth to October first.

During the winter term the Training Ship Newport is moored alongside the East Twenty-fourth street pier, and the time is devoted to both theoretical and practical instruction. The students remain on board from Monday morning until Friday afternoon, going home for the week-end. Spring vacation is from April first to twentieth.

*During the winter term parents and guardians will have to make arrangements to have their boys at home from Friday afternoons until Monday mornings. No provision can be made for them on board the Newport.*

At the beginning of the summer term the Newport sails from New York for the cruise and the entire time is devoted to practical work. And after leaving New York City, the boys are not permitted to go home again until the fall vacation, which is from October first until November first.

The curriculum is as follows:

*English Studies.*

Grammar.

Composition.

Commercial Geography.

History of the World.

*Mathematics and Science.*

Algebra.

Geometry.

Trigonometric Functions.

Physics.

Physiology and Hygiene.

*Technical Subjects.*

Ship's Accounts.

Seamanship.

Navigation.

The Marine Engine.

Electricity and Magnetism.

The students are instructed in dead-reckoning, the methods of finding the latitude and longitude by the sun, moon, planets and stars, the duties of a seaman, theoretical and practical marine and electrical engineering; have practice in a vessel under both sail and steam, in steering, heaving the lead, in handling boats both under oars and sail.

#### FOREIGN CRUISE.

The Newport usually touches at some of the following ports while on the summer cruise:—Azores Islands, Southampton, Plymouth, Falmouth and Gravesend, England; Cherbourg, France; Queenstown and Belfast, Ireland; Copenhagen, Denmark; Amsterdam and other North Sea ports; Gibraltar, and the Madeira Islands, returning to Long Island Sound about the last of August.

#### ROUTINE AND DISCIPLINE.

During the winter, reveille is sounded at six-thirty every morning and until nine o'clock the time is occupied in lashing hammocks, washing, setting quarters in order and breakfast.

Inspection and prayers take place at nine o'clock, after which the day is spent in study and recitation, with suitable periods for meals and recreation, until nine in the evening, when hammocks are piped down and the boys turn in for the night.

Naval discipline is maintained to a large extent, the boys being taught to conduct themselves in a manly way and to be upright and straightforward in all their dealings. Although firmness is exercised, yet the boys are made to feel and to *understand* that their welfare is sought.

#### REMARKS.

Parents or Guardians are relieved of the care, expense, wear and strain of bringing their boys through the most critical period of their lives and the boys are assured of an honorable profession. Positions are readily secured for all graduates who wish to follow the sea as a calling.

Graduates of this school may be found as officers in command of vessels throughout the Merchant Service; some are officers in the Revenue Cutter Service; some have entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis; others have secured appointments to the staff of the Navy from civil life. Their training in the New York Nautical School having been of special advantage in fitting them for their chosen profession.

The Alumni Association of the Nautical School contains many members who, for various reasons, have given up sea life and have achieved success in their varied vocations which, to a large extent, they attribute to their early training in the Nautical School.

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Chairman of the Executive Committee  
on the Nautical School.

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~~Lient. Commander U.S. Navy~~ (retired)  
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