Adopt a Ship®

Maritime Educational Program for Kids

PROJECT CONNECT™

Young Professionals in-the-Making

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Continue the Greek Shipping success story. JOIN PROJECT CONNECT

2023-24

This school season 124 vessels embarked the Program with 168 classes on board. Entrance of Plato Academy Schools, Florida, U.S.A.

2022-23

This school season 112 vessels embarked the Program with 165 classes on board.

2022

Lloyd's List 2022 Greek Shipping Awards Award for Education or Training

Won the Lloyd's Greek Shipping Award for Achievement in Education or Training

2021-22

New addition Jr. High Schools to Adopt a Ship

1st 3D Virtual Shipping Company Tour

A powerful tool for aspiring shipping candidates, giving them unique insider knowledge of the fast-paced challenging work environment of a Greek shipping company.

2018-19

It has successfully implemented maritime knowledge for the first time, in Greek elementary schools, since January 2019, with the Cypriot maritime educational program entitled, Adopt a Ship. 1st Authorization in October 2018 from Ministry of Education.
The first school season 7 vessels embarked the program.

2016-17

PROJECT CONNECT is an influencing force, contributing to the cultivation of Greece's next generation workforce and several Founding Members of reputable shipping companies & maritime cluster have joined seeing the relevance of offering work experience to "young professionals-in-the-making", in order to sustain the excellence in the Greek Shipping Industry!

2015

The NPO, **PROJECT CONNECT**, established on May 27, 2015, offers a rainbow of opportunities to young professionals-in-the-making to help jump start their careers in the shipping industry that they have selected.

Two hundred students interviewed and registered on line the CV Platform.

We facilitate the sharing of resources by professional assistance where needed and have placed over 70 candidates in shipping companies for work experience, via our online CV Database and referrals.

Bridging opportunities
to young professionals in-the-making

Connecting seagoing vessels to classrooms for Shipping's sustainability!

320 Captains

233 Vessels

1.773 Letters

570 Classes

419 Teachers

14.000 Pupils

60 Shipping Companies

189 Elementary & Jr High Schools

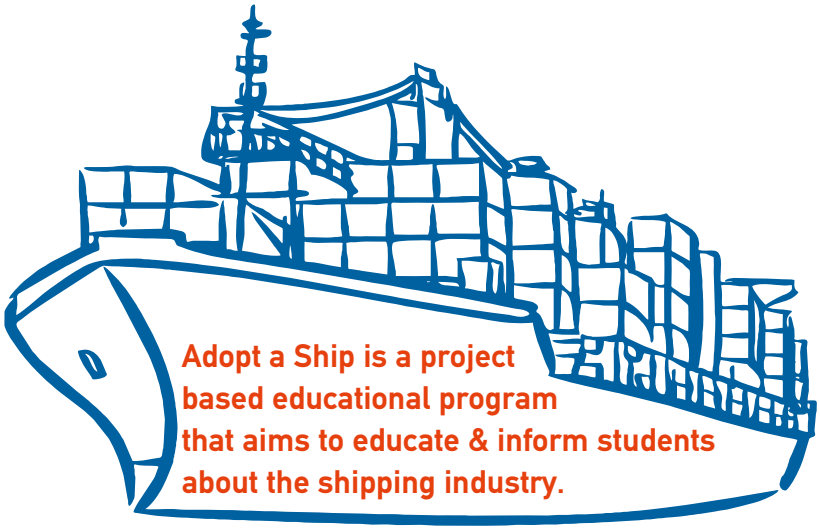
Our Vision

We envision a changing-for-the-better future Greece,
by sustaining one of its top resources,
the Greek Shipping Industry Success Story.

We support the "can do" mind set and the aim for excellence that has built it. We instill this mind set into the next generation workforce, who shall ultimately reinforce Greek Shipping's competitiveness in the international arena.

We all must be part of this change.

What is Adopt a Ship?



Adopt a Ship is a project based educational program that aims to educate & inform students about the shipping industry.

Builds awareness about the Seafarers' life at Sea and influences young people to seek careers in the Shipping Industry at Shore and at Sea. Increases empathy for the seafarer.

Learn about the importance of shipping in everyday life as well as its significant role in the historical, economic and cultural development of nations.
Interdisciplinary approach of the program. Real world learning experience.

A ship is assigned to a school classroom (Elementary, Junior high or Vocational school). Direct email communication with the vessel, captain & crew; thus learning about daily duties and activities, cargo carried, trading pattern, routes, loading and unloading at ports.

Sailing its 7th VOYAGE in OCTOBER 2024,

The target is to match 300 vessels to classrooms.

Because applications are already coming in

ENROLL YOUR VESSEL NOW!

3ο Γυμνάσιο Πτολεμαΐδας

Dear captain Celatio Philipe and Crew,

Thank you for answering our previous questions, it is very interesting for us to hear about Philipinnes which is so far from hear. It We suppose that is a very interesting and beautiful country!! Really, have you [illegible] although we live in an industrial town far from sea.

Is there any dangerous in your ship life?

This time we would like to ask you some things about your work such as:

Is there any dangerous in your ship life? Do you afraid when the [illegible] such dangerous circumstances?

What do you do when you arrive at a port?

You wrote that you work at a bulk carrier. Is it a different Kind of ship? How did you choose the company in which you work at and why you have been [illegible]

How is your daily life at the ship?

What do you do when you arrive at a port?

How is your daily life at the ship?

We wish you and the crew merry Christmas and a very happy and easy new year!!!!

Yours sincerely
The students and teacher
of **3rd Jr high school in Ptolemaida**

Dear Students and Teacher of the 3rd Jr high school in Ptolemaida,

Good day,
First of all, the officers and crew would like to extend our greetings on this momentous occasion as we celebrate the birth of our Savior JESUS CHRIST (BLESSED MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR)
Thankful enough that this is our third correspondence inspite some hectic schedule. Inspite of that, I and the crew would be happy to help you in any way possible.
Yes, I've been to Greece once, particularly in Piraeus during my first embarkation on a foreign vessel, it was a long time ago (about 1998).
The experience was great, good people, nice places and food..
Yes of course, most of the time is the weather, Gale force wind with 5-meter seas/swell. Piracy is sometimes a concern but you have to be ready on what had been provided onboard.
It is normal for a person to be anxious during bad weather but not totally afraid. [illegible] all eventualities since preparation had to be set prior sailing and during the [illegible] and pray to the Almighty God (Jesus Christ) that He will guide and protect the vessel and crew on all perilous journey what ever it may be.

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The [illegible] of ships operated [illegible] Bulk Carrier, Tanker, Passenger ship, Geneal Cargo ships – mainly for the transport of people, Petroleum, Bauxite, etc. Passenger ships - are mainly for the transport of people. Cargo ships – mainly transport break bulk products (example) steel pipes, wooden crates, etc Container vessel or Box ships – Transport container
Like any aspiring job seeker, I did submit my resume and application letter to various [illegible]
Mostly administrative duties, paper works. Meeting with Shore personnel. If time permits and the port is convenient then a visit of the local place is in order.
I am responsible for the safety of the crew, environment, vessel and her cargo. Ensure that all documentation and records on-board are in order. Ensure that the vessel is fit for the intended voyage.
Ensure that the vessel is fit (equipment, crew competence, etc.) for the intended voyage.
The crew has its individual duties and responsibilities, if your are an Officer, part of your job is to be on the bridge as a Navigating officer/Officer of the watch, If your are a rating then on deck for daily maintenace job, of course the Cook and Messman are on the Galley preparing food for all the personnel onboard, Further more Engineers are in the Engine room insuring that the machineries are in good working order.

Best Regards,
Capt. Gelacio Philippe dela Peña
MV Alkimos Heracles, Ariston Navigation

Δημοτικό Κολλέγιο Ψυχικού

Dear Captain Belimpasakis and Crew of **Neptune Galene**,

We are 6 th grade students of Psychico College Primary School in Athens. Our school, is part of the Hellenic-American Educational Foundation in Attiki, in Greece. There are 6 grades with 7 classes for each one, more than 90 teachers of all disciplines and approximately, 100 pupils totally. Our school participates in many educational [illegible] throughout the [illegible] "adopt a ship". [illegible] opportunity to [illegible] "travel" with you [illegible] subjects [illegible] and, of course, [illegible] you visit!

We are really glad to begin our communication and we feel the need to thank you. It is almost a month now that the schools are open and we hope they don't close again because of lockdown.

We would like to ask you some questions in order to learn a few things about "Neptune Galene," and its voyages.

❍ What is your position at the moment and what is your next destination?
❍ How many are the members of your crew and of what nationalities?
❍ What is the main language of communication?
❍ Do you have to go through special controls and checks?

We have already known that you are traveling in a container ship, however we would also like to know what products you have on board [illegible]

We would like to thank you for being there working at the frontline, providing the whole world with all the supplies we need. We hope that you are all safe, healthy and stay positive!

We share some fotos with you in order to have an idea from our class and our activities!
We are looking forward to hearing from you soon! Safe voyages!

Yours sincerely,
The teacher and the students
of **6e Psychico College**

We "adopted" your ship and we are thrilled about the opportunity to learn more about life at sea! Throughout your voyages we will "travel" with you and we hope to expand our knowledge in various subjects related to sea life, the kinds of ships, the environment and, of course, your way of living and the customs of the different countries you visit!

What is your position at the moment and what is your next destination?

How many are the members of your crew and of what nationalities?

What is the main language of communication?

Dear all,
Good morning,

With the present letter I welcome you on board car carrier Neptune Galene, which is one of the newest vessels of Neptune Lines flying under Greek Flag and caries new cars in North West Europe among Spain (Santander) – Belgium (Zeebrugge) – France (Le Havre) - England (Portbury).
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The ships carrying capacity is 3066 cars. As for the life on board the ship, it can be divided in two periods, at sea and at port and like all over the world we are also affected by the novel Corona-virus. At sea, all hygiene rules are followed at individual and public level. We check our temperatures and oxygen [illegible] and have [illegible] procedures and in [illegible] supplies. At port, loading and discharging operation is carried out while crews wears all the necessary protective equipment (masks-gloves) and maintain social distances from other people that board the ship in order to carry out this operation.

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In addition, company has suspended the crew from leave from the vessel in order to prevent exposure to the virus. Life on board the ship is by nature lonely and all these circumstances makes it even lonelier but above all is our health. Thus, we work as a team for the good of our families and our company, which is our second family.

The official language on board is English.

Concluding, we send you our warm greetings and wishes for your health, happiness and luck in your lives.
Awaiting your news and remain at your disposal.

Sincerely,
Master Xydakis Ioannis and crew
of **M/V Neptune Galene Neptune Lines**

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Sail with us on the next voyage!

The course of seamanship is being routed through the Greek school system nationwide and at all levels

GREECE

The regions with schools participating in the "Adopt a Ship" program

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