

2016 SUMMER TRAINING

Cadets

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Training

MANATRA (Marine Navigation and Training) on Lake Michigan out of Chicago, Illinois



(photo from the MANATRA web site)

What did you do at training?

We sailed on the YP-671 Manatra, and got to sail across Lake Michigan. The trip from Chicago to Grand Haven, Michigan took 10 hours. We also learned about seamanship and new knots.

What was particularly awesome, surprising, or memorable?

The most memorable part was when we jumped in the middle of Lake Michigan.

Anything else about the training you would like to share?

I can now teach a class about knot tying.

It was very fun because you get to meet new shipmates.

Would you recommend the training to your fellow cadets?

Yes!

More information about Field Operations training from the MANATRA web site

This training is a week-long learning adventure aboard the 80-foot yard patrol craft - Training Vessel Manatra (ex YP-671) moored in the Chicago River in downtown Chicago, IL. Cadets are considered vital members of the ship's company, expected to stand their watches, be highly motivated to learn all about the vessel, and do their full share of the work. The typical training cruise includes two days of dockside orientation in ships nomenclature, cleanliness, safety, lifejacket drills, line-handling, and watch standing duties both in-port and underway. When underway, cadets not on duty participate in piloting and marlinspike seamanship classes or ship's work. When on duty they stand lookout, helmsmen, and messenger watches, assist the Officer of the Deck in basic chart work, and may assist in the galley and engine room. Firefighting, man overboard, and abandon ship drills are conducted. In port, cadets carry out morning and evening colors, clean the ship, stand night security watches, and may, if earned, be granted liberty ashore.