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The State of Maine in Provincetown Harbor

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Training vessel visits town

The State of Maine, the Maine Maritime Academy training vessel, paid a three-day visit to Provincetown this week, dwarfing even the largest fishing boats and capturing the curiosity of tourists and townspeople.

The 13,300-ton vessel measures 545 feet long and serves as a training vessel for 300 students of the Maine Maritime Academy. With 60 officers on board, including the vessel's captain, M.C. Hill, the State of Maine arrived here Monday morning after sailing from Cape Canaveral, Fla. After a short stay, the vessel departed Wednesday for Castine, Maine.

The vessel, which is the sister ship of the Bay State, a training vessel for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, was once a troop ship for the U.S. Maritime Administration.

At that time the vessel was named the U.S.M.S. Upsher. The ship stopped in Provincetown as part of its training cruise.