

Paul Erling Johnson: The Good Mariner



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Early Life and Career

Paul Erling Johnson was born in Seattle, Washington, in 1938. His father was a Norwegian immigrant who worked as a ship's captain, and his mother was an American schoolteacher. Johnson grew up in a maritime environment, and he developed a love of the sea at an early age.

After graduating from high school, Johnson attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. He graduated in 1960 with a degree in marine transportation and a Third Mate's license. Johnson then sailed as a deck officer for several years, working his way up to the rank of Chief Mate.

In 1967, Johnson joined the faculty of the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, California. He taught navigation, seamanship, and other maritime

subjects for over 30 years. Johnson was a gifted teacher and mentor, and he helped to inspire a new generation of mariners.

Leadership and Innovation

Johnson was known for his leadership and innovation in the maritime industry. He served as president of the California Maritime Academy from 1982 to 1987. During his tenure, he oversaw the construction of a new training ship, the Golden Bear. Johnson also led the development of new academic programs and partnerships with the maritime industry.

Johnson was a strong advocate for safety and sustainability in the maritime industry. He served on the board of directors of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) from 1989 to 1999. At the IMO, Johnson helped to develop international regulations for ship design, construction, and operation.

Johnson was also a pioneer in the development of electronic navigation systems. He was one of the first mariners to use GPS technology, and he helped to develop new methods for using GPS to improve safety and navigation.

Legacy

Paul Erling Johnson was a dedicated mariner who made significant contributions to the maritime industry. He was a gifted teacher, a respected leader, and a pioneer in the development of new technologies. Johnson's legacy will continue to inspire mariners for generations to come.

Johnson passed away in 2015, but his legacy lives on through the Paul Erling Johnson Maritime Museum in Vallejo, California. The museum is

dedicated to preserving and promoting the maritime history of the San Francisco Bay area.

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