Student’s Name: Tom Lonieski
OCVTS Program: Marine Service Technology (formerly Marine Trades)
Instructor: Rob Berenwick
Employer: Silver Cloud Marina, Forked River, NJ

Class of: 2005
Center: Toms River
High School: Central Regional

In Tom’s own words: OCVTS was the option I chose after graduating high school. Having a love for boats, the water and fishing, their Marine Trades program was the perfect fit for me. I feel that going to OCVTS has taught me the basic work skills important to be successful in the marine trade industry. After completing the program, I went straight into the workforce, and still use the knowledge I learned from the class on a daily basis. Throughout the past 13 years, since I have been in the Marine Trades program, I have often reached out to Rob Berenwick for help or advice. As Service Manager at the Silver Cloud Harbor Marina, I can honestly say that I enjoy going to work every day because I am doing what I love and that is working on boats and continue to expand my knowledge about them.

“Tom Lonieski started with Silver Cloud Harbor Marina in 2006. As a recent graduate of OCVTS and he had a desire to work as a marine technician, Tom was a good fit to our growing marina complex. He immediately began working alongside seasoned marine mechanics on an assortment of marine related systems: gasoline engines, diesel engines, outdrives water systems, sailboats, yard equipment, yard vehicles, etc. In 2009, Tom was promoted to Yard Manager, and in 2013, he was promoted to Service Manager. Over the years with Silver Cloud Harbor Marina, Tom has acquired certifications in many areas of engine repair and marine related systems. As Service Manager, Tom is responsible for the day-to-day operation of our Service Department. With a staff of full-time mechanics and a fully stocked Parts Department, the responsibilities for Tom are quite varied. Tom is well respected by the customers, and his co-workers alike. His relaxed personality combined with his real hands-on experience has made him very approachable to all who have worked with him,” commented Dave Giombetti, owner of the Silver Cloud Harbor Marina.

The accolades continue from Rob Berenwick, the Marine Trades Instructor. “One of the joys of teaching is seeing your students not only do well in the classroom, but also succeed in the world of work. Tom Lonieski is a true success story.”

Tom enjoys his job as Service Manager at the beautiful Silver Cloud Harbor Marina. In his free time, Tom can be found fishing in his Grady White, with wife, Erica, and their two girls.