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Do you want to be a Navigation Officer?

Does the idea of steering a marine vessel along a course that you plotted sound like something you would enjoy? Are you a person who plans ahead and thinks clearly in unexpected situations? Do you have concise and effective communications skills? Then, we may have the job for you!

What do they do?

Navigation officers are responsible for planning and executing safe and successful voyages. Specifically, they are responsible for navigating Canadian Coast Guard vessels including performing ice breaking services, servicing aids to navigation, search and rescue, environmental response, scientific research, fisheries enforcement and maritime security.

How do I become a Navigation Officer?

To become a navigation officer you must obtain a Transport Canada Watchkeeping Mate Certificate of Competency. To obtain this certificate you can complete either the four year training program at the Canadian Coast Guard College, a Transport Canada approved Training Program or acquire 36 months of qualifying sea service. Like all positions on Canadian Coast Guard vessels, you will require a Marine Emergency Duties (MED) certificate (A1, B1, B2) and a valid Transport Canada medical certificate.

Individuals interested in the Officer Training Program offered by the Canadian Coast Guard College should visit the college website for more information at www.cgc.gc.ca.

Openings for jobs with the Canadian Coast Guard are advertised through the Public Service Commission website at www.jobs.gc.ca.

SPOTLIGHT ON...



JAMIE SHAVE IS A NAVIGATION OFFICER ONBOARD THE CCGS HENRY LARSEN.

Throughout her time onboard vessels, Jamie says she has had the opportunity to experience things she never would have in other careers. "I have sailed to parts of the world I never imagined and I have seen things I never thought I would," she says. "There is nothing more rewarding than the thanks and appreciation you get from helping fellow mariners that encounter troubles at sea. The relief and happiness you see when we arrive to assist them makes the job worthwhile," says Jamie.

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