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the nation's
largest fleet of
federal research
and survey ships



NOAA
**MARINE &
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Benefits

Enjoy an exciting seagoing career with opportunities for national and international travel. Professional mariners are provided with competitive compensation packages that include job security, excellent pay and full benefits. Military commissary and limited exchange privileges are afforded to all active and retired professional mariners and their dependents.

Health Benefits

Medical, dental and vision insurance
Family health coverage

Financial Security

Life insurance
Thrift Savings Plan
Federal Employees Retirement System

Work/Life Balance

Sick leave
Annual leave—Years of service affect earned hours for annual leave. See table below for more information.

Years in Federal service	Earned hours of leave
Up to 3 years	4 hours each pay period
3 to 15 years	6 hours each pay period
15 or more	8 hours each pay period

Shore leave—Mariners earn 1 day of shore leave for every 3.5 consecutive days worked; up to 4 days per 14-day period. No cap or expiration for shore leave earned.

Other Benefits

Career advancement
Paid training
Promotion potential
Government provided berthing and meals



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The NOAA Fleet Mission

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is the nation's premiere environmental science agency. Our mission is to understand and predict changes in climate, weather, ocean and coasts, to share that knowledge and information with others, and to conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources.

NOAA's fleet of research and survey ships play a vital role in providing the nation with critical information about the ocean and atmosphere. The professional mariners aboard these ships support a wide range of missions, ranging from oceanographic, climate and fisheries research to seafloor mapping and ocean exploration.

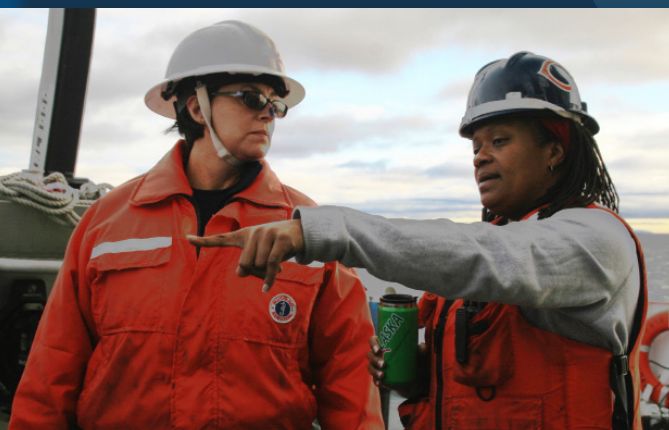


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Career Opportunities

NOAA offers a variety of mariner career opportunities. The following departments are run by licensed and unlicensed professionals:

Engine Department

Be part of a team of highly-skilled engineers who handle a wide variety of equipment operated by NOAA ships. You will have the opportunity to gain experience as:

First Assistant Engineer

Second Assistant Engineer

Third Assistant Engineer

Junior Engineer

Oiler

General Vessel Assistant (Wiper)

Unlicensed Deck Department

Work closely with scientists as an integral part of deck operations deploying and retrieving scientific gear. Be part of the navigational watch team and help maintain the ship, operational deck equipment and machinery as:

Able Bodied Seaman

Fisherman

General Vessel Assistant (Ordinary Seaman)

Steward Department

Master the art of culinary techniques and food preparation. You will have the opportunity to care for crewmembers and the environment while following sanitation standards and pollution regulations in roles such as:

Chief Steward

Chief Cook

Second Cook

General Vessel Assistant (Messman)

Survey Department

Play a key role in major oceanographic research by using cutting-edge technology that facilitates data collection. You will acquire skills in operating scientific equipment and monitoring resource management in roles such as:

Hydrographic Survey Technician

Survey Technician



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Marine Operations

NOAA's fleet of 15 research and survey ships are operated by NOAA Corps officers and civilian professional mariners. The fleet ranges from large oceanographic research vessels capable of exploring the world's deepest ocean, to smaller ships responsible for charting the shallow bays and inlets of the U.S.

The vessels support a wide range of marine activities, including fisheries surveys, nautical charting and ocean and climate studies. Operations take place across the country—from Alaska, to Hawaii, to the Gulf of Mexico, to the East Coast—and may involve small boats, scientific diving and uncrewed systems and other evolving technologies. Most NOAA ships spend an average of 200 days at sea over the course of the year. The duration of a deployment depends on mission needs.