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From the Director's Desk

Congratulations to the members of BOTC-111 who recently completed 16-plus weeks of rigorous training. Training included NOAA indoctrination, navigation, seamanship, safety, leadership, underway and simulator time, and other training aimed at helping the new officers be an integral part of NOAA and the NOAA Corps. The June 28th graduation ceremony was well attended by Academy staff, NOAA leadership, and NOAA Corps HQ personnel. Their first assignments are listed below. Welcome to the fleet!

ENS Mark Andrews	FAIRWEATHER
ENS Matthew Griffin	RAINIER
ENS Megan Guberski	THOMAS JEFFERSON
ENS Jonathan Heesch	ALBATROSS IV
ENS Bennie Johnson	DAVID STARR JORDAN
ENS Ronald Moyers, Jr	Charleston Port Office
ENS Megan O'Brien	GORDON GUNTER
ENS Faith Opatrny	OSCAR DYSON
ENS Nathan Parker	MILLER FREEMAN
ENS Brian Player	OSCAR ELTON SETTE
ENS Russell Quintero	RAINIER
ENS Patrick Redmond	FAIRWEATHER
ENS Glen Rice	RUDE
ENS Christine Schultz	RAINIER
ENS Claire Surrey	DELAWARE II
ENS Nathan Witherly	Alaska Port Office

In closing, please note that CPC Deputy Director, Roger Mason, is "Acting" in my absence until 1 August 2007.

Captain Todd C. Stiles, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Billet of the Week

The Environmental Conservation Division (ECD) of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) in Seattle, Washington is seeking an officer to assume the duties and responsibilities of billet #2172 - OIC, R/V HAROLD W. STREETER/Staff Biologist.

The R/V HAROLD W. STREETER is a 45' wooden trawler which conducts biological and oceanographic sampling operations throughout Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the San Juan Islands with occasional extended trips into British Columbia. The vessel spends approximately 100-120 days a year at sea, conducting a mixture of day trips and trips of 1-3 weeks duration. Vessel operations consist of bottom trawling, surface pair trawling, long-lining, as well as deployment of buoys, sediment grabs, oceanographic instruments, and towed equipment.

The officer is responsible for the safe operation of the vessel while underway and all aspects of vessel maintenance. The officer will work directly on vessel repairs and coordinate other maintenance activities with contractors, including biannual dry-docking. The officer will be tasked to coordinate and refine program requirements for a replacement vessel and use these requirements to develop a contract solicitation. The opportunity to build a new boat from defining operational requirements to sea trials will involve working with many NWFSC Divisions to determine the operational and logistical requirements to meet the Center's increased sampling effort, as well as representing NWFSC interests as an owner's representative in the boat yard selected to construct the replacement.

In addition to the duties on the STREETER, the officer acts as the ECD Small Boat Vessel Operations Coordinator. The officer is responsible for the upkeep, scheduling, and administration of the division's small boats. The officer will become familiar with the NOAA Small Boat Program and ensure division compliance. Typical duties include mechanical and structural maintenance, small boat and boat trailer inspections, updating or developing risk assessments and vessel operation manuals, and coordinating independent third-party inspections of NOAA small boats located at the NWFSC.

Opportunity to participate directly in scientific research exists and is dependent on the officer's experience, education, and aptitude. It is also possible to engage in field data gathering, laboratory and statistical analysis, and/or the preparation and publication of scientific papers.

Educational opportunities abound in the Seattle area. The Center is located in close proximity to the University of Washington and within reasonable distance from several other institutions of higher education.

If anyone should have any questions regarding this billet, please feel free to contact LCDR Jeremy Adams at 301-713-2367 x106 or jeremy.adams@noaa.gov or the Assignment Officer, LCDR John Caskey, at 301-713-7748 or assignmentbranch.cpc@noaa.gov.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Opportunity in Old Town, Alexandria

4-8 volunteers are needed from 1230 to 1430 on July 25th at Robinson Terminal Peer in Old Town Alexandria to host educational workshops for approximately 40 area students. Each NOAA Corps officer will guide a group of 10 students; ages 10-12 through (2) 30-minute workshops. All materials and instructions will be provided. If you are interested in participating please contact Jennifer Hammond: 301-713-7610; Jennifer.Hammond@noaa.gov.

From July 25th through July 26th, NOAA Corps Officer Recruiting Branch will display a NOAA Corps booth for the purpose of recruiting and disseminating information about the Corps. If you are interested in volunteering to staff the booth please let LT Nicole Manning know as soon as possible; 301-713-7736; Nicole.Manning@noaa.gov.

These activities are in support of NOAA's 200th anniversary celebration in Old Town Alexandria (July 24 - July 27), culminating in the change of command ceremony for NOAA Ship THOMAS JEFFERSON. Thank you in advance for any support you can offer.

Training Opportunity

CDR Kearse and LCDR Pica will be offering a discussion on the NOAA Corps Values (The Foundation of the NOAA Leadership Framework), September 15th at 0800 to 1700 in the NMAO Large Conference Room. All officers assigned to Silver Spring, MD and DC are asked to participate in this session. If you have any questions please contact LCDR Pica at Joseph.A.Pica@noaa.gov

Similar discussions will be coordinated and conducted with field offices and units this fall and winter.

On The Horizon

July (TBD)	CAPT Assignment Board
July 31	OER end of reporting period for ENS/LTJG
August 9	CDR Assignment Board
September 6	LCDR Assignment Board
September 15 (0800-1700)	NOAA Corps Values, the Foundation of the NOAA Corps Leadership Framework NMAO Large Conference Room Silver Spring/DC assigned officers
September 15	OERs due at CPC for ENS/LTJG
October 18	Start date for REFTRA 63
October 31	OER end of reporting period for CAPT/CDR

November 30	OER end of reporting period for LCDR/ LT
December 15	OERs due at CPC for CAPT/CDR
January 15, 2008	OERs due at CPC for LCDR/LT
January 15, 2008	Documents for OPF due at CPC for officers in selection zones
February 1, 2008	The ODU becomes the prescribed uniform to wear aboard ships, marine centers, and small boat assignments.
February 11, 2008	Start date for BOTC 112
January-May, 2008	Billet Review
March 3-7, 2008	Selection Boards for O-6 to O-2