



CPC CyberFlash

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From the Director's Desk

I would like to extend a warm welcome aboard to LT Elizabeth Crapo. LT Crapo reported aboard on October 13th and is tentatively assigned as Operations Officer on the NOAA Ship RON BROWN.

Current flag officer appointments are expected to expire on August 4, 2007. As such, CPC anticipates a decision in the near future by the Under Secretary to convene a Flag Advisory Board to make recommendations for flag appointments. Eligible officers have been notified and directed to update OPF's, as applicable.

The positions for which recommendations are being sought are: (1) Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps (NOAA Corps) and Director of the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations; and (2) Director, Marine and Aviation Operations Centers. The former position carries the grade of rear admiral (O-8) and the latter carries the grade of rear admiral (lower half)(O-7).

OMAO and CPC will notify officers on selection at the appropriate time. No additional information on the matter is expected before summer 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Stiles".

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

Promotion Update

Congratulations to the following officers that were promoted effective October 2, 2006.

To Be Captain:

Wade J. Blake
Brian K. Taggart
John E. Herring

To Be Commander:

Michael S. Weaver
Anne K. Lynch
Karl F. Mangels

To Be Lieutenant Commander:

Nathan H. Hancock
Peter V. Siegel

To Be Lieutenant:

Amanda M. Middlemiss

To Be Lieutenant (junior grade):

Jason R. Saxe
David A. Strausz

Two additional promotions to the grade of lieutenant (junior grade) will begin the NOAA clearance process on Thursday, October 19th. If you have any questions regarding promotions, please contact Greg Raymond at 301-713-7728.

CPC Staff Changes

Jerome Thompson accepted a Training Specialist position with the U.S. Coast Guard in Topeka, KS effective October 15, 2006. If you need assistance with payroll matters, please contact Carol Holley at 1-785-339-3499.

Reminder for Officer Evaluation Report Schedule

In order to accommodate the changes to the officer promotion and assignment processes, the OER reporting period will end as shown in the schedule below. OERs are due to CPC 45 days after the end of the reporting period.

Grade	Month
Captain	31 October
Commander	31 October

Lieutenant Commander	30 November
Lieutenant	30 November
Lieutenant (Junior Grade)	January 31/July 31 (officers >3 years only July 31)
Ensign	January 31/July 31 (officers >3 years only July 31)

Please contact CDR Brad Kearse if you have any questions, 301-713-7731.

Billet of the Week

Looking for an excellent opportunity to build, coordinate and manage a new research program aboard a 67ft state-of-the-art catamaran operating along the West Coast of California? Check out Billet #7652.

Billet #7652: Marine Operations Coordinator, National Marine Sanctuary Program, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Monterey, California

NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Program is committed to preserving historical, cultural and archaeological resources and seeks to increase public awareness of America's maritime heritage by conducting scientific research, monitoring, exploration and educational programs.

The Marine Operations Coordinator acts as the primary manager for a brand new 67ft regional research vessel, the R/V Fulmar, serving three California national marine sanctuaries - Monterey Bay, Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank. The vessel will be heavily utilized for up to 180 key missions per year including benthic monitoring along the remote Big Sur coastline, marine mammal and sea bird observations, tagging organisms, oceanographic monitoring, archeological/cultural research (primarily shipwrecks) and collecting baseline data for emerging management issues such as invasive species and marine reserves.

The officer will be based in Monterey, and duties will include acting as sanctuary liaison with science parties, coordinating scheduling for missions and crew, managing maintenance needs and supply purchases, and participating in drills and training including the small boat workshops, constituent meetings, education programs and public events. In addition, the officer will gain technical and administrative experience and develop managerial skills that can be applied to future supervisory and operational assignments, both ashore and afloat. Some day trips, overnights, and week-long cruises to regions in Northern and Southern California are possible, but can be dependent on the officer.

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

On the Horizon

This section is designed to provide the NOAA Corps officers with some of the highlights of items under consideration that may have an impact on them. The items discussed may or may not be

approved at a later date.

a. NOAA Corps Legislation: CPC staff has drafted and submitted new legislation for the NOAA Corps. The legislation is currently routing through the internal NOAA/DOC processes. This legislation addresses NOAA Corps recruitment, retention, promotion and disciplinary procedures by updating, strengthening, and clarifying the language of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officers Act of 2002.

b. Operational Dress Uniform. The NOAA Corps currently purchases the majority of its uniforms from the U. S. Navy. The U. S. Navy is replacing its working uniform with a camouflage battle dress uniform (BDU), which is not suitable to meet the missions of the NOAA Corps. The U. S. Coast Guard uses an operational dress uniform (ODU) that is a suitable replacement for the U. S. Navy working uniform. CPC staff is currently working with the Uniform Staff of the U. S. Coast Guard to pave the way for using their Operational Dress Uniform. We have developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which we hope to have through the routing process and approved by the end of the year.

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