

Commissioned Personnel Center CYBERFLASH



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Director's Message

Many, many thanks go out to all officers who have provided support to the NOAA Corps recruiting effort. Field recruiters play an important role in NOAA Corps Recruitment. With only one recruiter, it is impossible to attend all career fairs or public relations events and to conduct interviews in various locations. Without the help of field recruiters, many interested and successful candidates might have been missed. Your assistance in the recruiting effort is appreciated and is evident by the strong candidates coming into the Corps.

Every officer has an opportunity and a vested interest in participating in the recruitment of future NOAA Corps officers. Many of these future officers will be working side by side with you. Thus, it is essential for each of you to be actively engaged, when possible, in the recruitment of your future coworkers. There are numerous opportunities for you to be engaged as a field recruiter, especially if you are stationed in a particularly high volume area (near a lot of schools, at a port office, marine center, or aviation center). In fact, you are often the first contact, and role model, that individuals have when they begin their research into a career in the NOAA Corps. Think of recruiting candidates as everyone's responsibility.

CPC has end-of-year funds to cover TDY expenses for recruiting in the month of September. Please consider visiting one of the following schools listed below or let us know if you have another school of interest, even your alma mater.

If you're available to visit one of these schools to hold a Q&A session with students or conduct a meet & greet with the school's career services center, please submit a TDY request form to CPC (LT Manning) by COB on September 10, 2008.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the NOAA Corps Recruiter at NOAACorps.Recruiting@noaa.gov or 1-800-299-6622 to obtain promotional material (i.e., NC recruiting video, brochures, giveaways, etc.) for a special event in your area or just to have on hand. I look forward to your recruiting support in the next few weeks!

Texas A&M at Galveston	TX	University of Miami	FL
Texas A&M Corpus Christi	TX	University of Tampa	FL
University of Texas El Paso	TX	Florida Institute of Technology	FL
California Maritime Academy	CA	Great Lakes Maritime Academy	MI
Humboldt State University	CA	Jackson State University	MS
California State University-Fresno	CA	Maine Maritime Academy	ME
Oregon State University	OR	Columbia University	NY
University of Washington	WA	The City College of the CUNY	NY
University of Alaska South East	AK	Lehman College	NY
University of Hawaii-Manoa	HI	Old Dominion University	VA

South Carolina State University	SC	University of Norfolk	VA
Coastal Carolina College	SC	Hampton University	VA
College of Charleston	SC	North Carolina A&T State	NC
Savannah Technical College	GA	Savannah State University	GA
South Georgia College	GA		



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Announcements

Revised List of Unusually Arduous Sea Duty Vessels

On August 28, 2008, RADM Bailey designated the following NOAA Vessels as "Unusually Arduous Sea Duty" for calendar year 2008.

Ronald H. Brown
Oscar Dyson
Fairweather
Nancy Foster
Miller Freeman
McArthur II
Okeanos Explorer
Henry B. Bigelow

There is a link to the signed memorandum on the NOAA Corps homepage, <http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov>. Please direct any questions to LCDR Jeremy Adams at 301-713-7694.

Fleet Augmentation Needs

Contact the respective Marine Center for information on travel. For specific information on the cruises and operations involved, please contact the XO or CO of the vessel. All requests to augment will need to be approved/cleared through your current supervisor, CO of the respective vessel, and CO MOA or MOP. If you have any questions, please contact LCDR Stark at 206-553-8705 or LCDR Bridgeman at 206-553-4764 or CDR Francisco at 206-553-8705.

Gordon Gunter
9/13-9/30 (Pascagoula, MS-Pascagoula, MS)

Okeanos Explorer

9/8-9/26 (Seattle, WA-Seattle, WA)

10/2-10/16 (Seattle, WA-San Francisco, CA)

10/21-11/6 (San Fran-San Fran)

11/11-11/21 (San Fran-TBD, WA)

Billet Opportunity, Full Time University Training in Hydrographic Science

The National Ocean Service's, National Geodetic Survey (NGS) is seeking a motivated junior officer for a unique full-time university training experience. The officer assigned to billet #7198, FUT/NOS/NGS, will take part in a rigorous one-year Master of Science (M.S.) program in Hydrographic Science, offered through the University of Southern Mississippi (USM). This program is certified at the Category A level by the International Hydrographic Organization (FIG/IHO) International Advisory Board; and, upon completion, the officer will have fulfilled all the academic requirements toward becoming a Category A hydrographic surveyor.

The officer will receive a solid foundation in geodesy and acoustic theory; will have exposure to various acquisition and processing software suites; and will have hands-on training with several echosounders and side scan sonars. The culmination of the program is a summer project in which students will execute an entire hydrographic survey that begins with the writing of the survey specifications and the installation/calibration of the survey equipment; and ends with the production of a paper chart and ENC - with data to be submitted to NOAA's Office of Coast Survey for inclusion in a future nautical chart.

Being a one year assignment, the officer is afforded extra flexibility in the development of their career path by skillfully pairing this assignment with a complementary billet at either the beginning or the end of their land tour. Officers just completing their first sea assignment on a hydrographic ship or those who are slated to return to NOAA's hydro fleet would do well to consider this billet. While officers with previous exposure to hydrographic surveying will have a more enriching educational experience, prior surveying experience is not a prerequisite for this billet.

All coursework takes place at the Stennis Space Center, which in addition to hosting USM, is also home of the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) and a U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) detachment. When combined with the multi-national student base attracted to USM's program, the officer will find themselves in an excellent networking environment, able to get first-hand accounts of the methodologies employed by other hydrographic organizations around the world. Such experiences will be invaluable when the officer finds themselves in future administrative billets.

For further information on this billet, please direct all inquiries to LTjg Michael Gonsalves at michael.gonsalves@noaa.gov.

Approved Retirements/Resignations/Separations

The following officers have approved retirements, resignations, or separations. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and nation and wish them the best the next time you see these officers!

LTJG Jamie S. Wasser	September 30, 2008
ENS Llian G.K. Breen	September 30, 2008
LT William W. Pierce, III	November 1, 2008
LT Joshua D. Bauman	December 1, 2008
CDR Philip A. Gruccio	December 1, 2008
LTJG Richard A. Edmundson	December 1, 2008
LTJG Stephen Z. Kroening	December 1, 2008
ENS Patrick B.K. Jorgensen	December 15, 2008
LCDR Jeremy B. Weirich	December 15, 2008
CAPT Stephen A. Kozak	January 1, 2009
CAPT John W. Humphrey, Jr.	January 1, 2009
CAPT Emily B. Christman	June 1, 2009
CAPT Sean R. White	July 1, 2009
CAPT Steven R. Barnum	July 1, 2009

On the Horizon

October 6-31, 2008	REFTRA 65 (D-School)
December 11, 2008	BOTC 113 (A-School) Graduation
December or January (TBD)	B-School
January 16, 2009	Cutoff for Document Submission (Promotion Boards)
March 2-5, 2009	Promotion Boards
March 2, 2009	D-School

Please see NOAA Corps website for additional information:

Assignments: <http://www.noaa Corps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/assignments.html>

Evaluations: <http://www.noaa Corps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/evaluation.html>

Training: <http://www.noaa Corps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/training.html>

Uniforms & Awards: <http://www.noaa Corps.noaa.gov/cpc/perservices/awards.html>