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CAREER AT SEA

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“During my career I have travelled the world, seen so many amazing sights, and met and worked with some real characters. I wouldn't have had it any other way.”

Adam, Captain

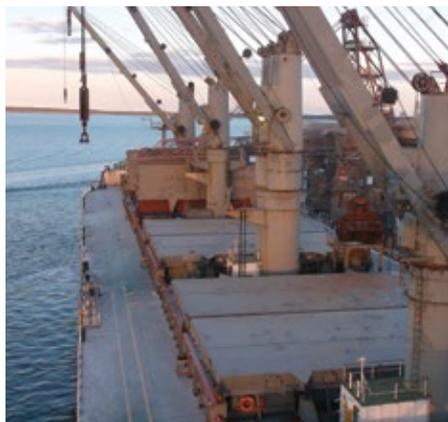
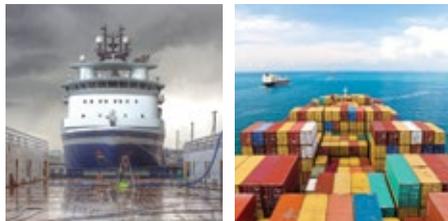
Being part of 21st-century seafaring turns everyday work into extraordinary adventures. A career at sea starts with funded learning and specialist training, both at sea and on-shore. Along the way you'll work with cutting-edge technologies, developing a raft of practical and technical skills.

Inspired? Take a look at the opportunities and pathways to careers in the Merchant Navy and where a job at sea could take you.

ABOUT THE MERCHANT NAVY

The Merchant Navy is the name given to the UK's commercial shipping industry. Before you decide on a role it's important to consider what type of ship you'd be interested in working on, such as:

- Prestigious cruise ships
- Container ships for carrying a variety of cargo
- High-tech ferries
- High-quality oil, gas and chemical tankers
- Modern bulk carriers for carrying ores, grain and coal
- Specialised support vessels



CHOOSE YOUR ROLE

There are plenty of exciting careers in the Merchant Navy to choose from.

Officers are responsible for expensive and sophisticated vessels, valuable cargo or passengers in their care.

Ratings are a vital part of the ship's team, working under the guidance of the officers on the everyday running of the ship.



THERE ARE THREE MAIN DEPARTMENTS ON BOARD:

Navigation/Deck Department

Handles the navigation, communications, cargo, passengers and overall running of the ship.

Engineering and Electrical Department

Operates and maintains all the mechanical, electrical and electronic equipment on board the ship.

Catering, Hospitality and Onboard Services

Includes cook/chef and steward(ess), restaurant and bar staff, purser (receptionist), housekeeper, hairdresser, beautician, photographer and entertainer.

“When I was still at school, I never knew a job like this existed. Now I've experienced life at sea, I really don't think there is a better career for me.”

Madison, Engineering Officer Trainee

WHERE TO STUDY

There is a range of educational establishments across the UK which provide seafarer education and training programmes

- 1 Shetland School of Nautical Studies
- 2 Scottish Maritime Academy at North East Scotland College
- 3 South Shields Marine School (part of South Tyneside College)
- 4 Lowestoft College
- 5 National Maritime Training Centre at North Kent College
- 6 Warsash Maritime Academy (part of Southampton Solent University)
- 7 Plymouth University
- 8 Lairdside Maritime Centre (part of Liverpool John Moores University)
- 9 Fleetwood Nautical Campus (part of Blackpool and the Fylde College)
- 10 City of Glasgow College, Riverside Campus



READY TO APPLY?

The main technical roles on board are Ships Officers and Ratings. You can find out more about these roles on our website. Once you have chosen the right path for you, it'll be time to apply. Depending on the route you choose, you'll need to follow the relevant process.

- 1 Explore our website at careersatsea.org
- 2 Choose a role you're interested in
- 3 Check the academic requirements
- 4 Apply and embark on the career of a lifetime!



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