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## Deckhand / Helms (Man-Woman)

### What is a Deckhand / Helms (man-woman)?

The Deckhand operates deck equipment and performs maintenance on board the ship under the supervision of deck officers and the boatswain. The Deckhand works on all types of Canadian Coast Guard ships in support of commercial shipping and fishing and recreational boating industry in Canadian waters (vessel escort in the Arctic, Gulf of St-Lawrence and River; Search & Rescue activities, buoy tending, sounding, etc). Canadian Coast Guard ships also support scientific missions and fishery surveillance and marine security activities. The Deckhand maintains deck gear used for mooring and helps load/unload cargo.

### What academic training & professional development do I need?

- Marine Emergency Duty training :
  - Sécurité de base STCW (60h)
  - Aptitude à l'exploitation des bateaux de sauvetage et canots de secours (28h)
- Sea time with apprenticeship on board in order to meet Transport Canada exam requirements and advance to other positions

### Where can I study?

Institut maritime du Québec offers Marine Emergency Duty training in St-Romuald (Quebec City Area).

### What are my career opportunities?

- Boatswain
- Navigation Officer
- Various positions within the Federal Public Service

### What qualities and interests are essential?

- Enjoy team work
- Be in good physical condition
- Aptitude for manual work
- Resourcefulness
- Able to work irregular schedules
- Taste of adventure and travel

### Average initial annual income : 44 000 \$ - 53 000 \$

Salary varies according to position and time worked.

Most Coast Guard crews work a schedule called lay-day, or a period of 14 to 42 days at sea followed by equivalent time off with pay.

### For more information

Canadian Coast Guard, Quebec Region: [www.marinfo.gc.ca](http://www.marinfo.gc.ca)

Canadian Coast Guard, National Web Site: [www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca](http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca)

Comité sectoriel de main-d'œuvre de l'industrie maritime: [www.csmoim.gc.ca](http://www.csmoim.gc.ca)

Institut maritime du Québec: [www.imq.qc.ca](http://www.imq.qc.ca) (for Marine Emergency Duty training)



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