



# Wanna Be a Short Range Aids Program Supervisor?

*Do you have excellent planning and organizational skills? Are you a person who enjoys working in a marine environment and traveling around Newfoundland and Labrador? Then, we may have the job for you!*

## What do they do?

The Aids to Navigation Program of the Canadian Coast Guard manages, maintains and provides aids to navigation in Canadian waters. These aids facilitate safe and expeditious movement of maritime traffic, support the protection of the marine environment, help maintain maritime safety and facilitate marine business and development. Marine Aids to Navigation include any visual, sound or radar device, external to a ship, which is designed to assist vessels to determine its preferred route, position or to warn of danger or obstructions. Examples of aids to navigation include buoys, lightstations, lighted towers, and leading lights.

The Aids to Navigation Program Supervisor ensures that the right mix of aids to navigation exists in Newfoundland and Labrador waters to help provide safe and effective navigation to the marine traffic. They are responsible for ensuring the aids to navigation are properly placed and maintained. They must have excellent planning and organizational skills because they are required to monitor and track numerous aids to navigation at the same time. In NL supervisors are responsible for monitoring and tracking over 1600 navigation aids continually.

The Coast Guard ensures aids are charted and that technical and geographical changes to aids to navigation are reported

to mariners and charted. They also ensure marine safety procedures and assistance can be provided as needed.

Supervisors also spend their time monitoring compliance of commercial and recreational users. They manage legal records pertaining to navigational aids and contribute to the resolution of criminal and civil action related to marine accidents.

## How do I become a Short Range Aids Program Supervisor?

If you are interested in working in the Short Range Aids Program with the Canadian Coast Guard you should complete a Watchkeeping Mate certificate which may be obtained through a Bridge Watch Program or a Nautical Science diploma program. Programs such as these are offered at the Marine Institute in St. John's.

You also must gain marine experience, obtain a marine emergency duties certificate (MED), a valid first aid certificate and security clearance.

Openings for jobs with Fisheries and Oceans Canada are advertised through the Public Service Commission (PSC) website at [www.jobs.gc.ca](http://www.jobs.gc.ca).



## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### **PAUL BOWERING, SHORT RANGE AIDS SUPERVISOR, NAVIGATION OFFICE, CANADIAN COAST GUARD**

*For Paul Bowering the best part of his job is being outdoors and traveling to remote communities around Newfoundland and Labrador. When not at work Paul loves being outdoors: boating in the summer and snowmobiling in the winter.*

*One of the things I love about my job is traveling around Newfoundland and Labrador discussing Aids to Navigation with fishers and commercial groups. I love meeting Newfoundlanders and getting firsthand exposure to the diversity that exists in the province. I get to see parts of Newfoundland and Labrador that others may never get to experience. My job gives me a sense of pride because my team and I provide safety to these areas through buoys and lights.*

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