


# Ways to Become a Hydrographer at NOAA:

1. **Apply to become a professional wage mariner Hydrographic Survey Technician in the Survey Department on one of NOAA's Hydrographic Ships:**
  - NOAA Professional [Mariner Hiring Portal](#)
  - <https://www.oma.noaa.gov/learn/marine-operations/about/careers>
2. **Apply for NOAA Internship**
  - Explorer in Training on pg 2 and Hollings Scholar on pg 3:  
<https://www.noaa.gov/opportunity-type/internship?page=1>
  -  **Further Resources for Interns**
3. **Apply to work for a labor contractor that provides hydrographic labor to NOAA:**
  - [Lynker](#)
  - IICT
  - SFI
4. **Apply to work for a hydrographic services contractor that does contract survey work for NOAA:**
  - <https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/data/hydrographic-surveys-contract-vehicle.html>
5. **Apply to be a federal physical scientist within NOAA's Office of Coast Survey**
  - Create a profile on USAJOBS (<https://www.usajobs.gov/>)
  - Set up a search that will alert you with the following
    - i. key words
      1. NOAA
      2. Physical scientist
      3. Physical scientist technician
      4. Ocean mapping
      5. Ocean exploration
      6. NOAA
    - ii. Many of Coast Survey's positions are located in the following locations
      1. Silver Spring, MD (NOAA Headquarters)
      2. Norfolk, VA (Atlantic Hydrographic Branch)
      3. Seattle, WA (Pacific Hydrographic Branch)
      4. Durham, NH (UNH Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping/ Joint Hydrographic Center)
6. **Apply to become a NOAA Corps Officer and pursue hydrographic survey billets:**  
<https://www.oma.noaa.gov/learn/noaa-corps/join>