

**Freestyle Note:** Kia ora whanau – use this space to write a message, let your loved one know why you thought they'd be interested in this opportunity.

## Have you considered working at sea?

Did you know that there are schools that prepare you for a life at sea? Here's some information that I've taken from the 'Westport Deep Sea Fishing School' website. This school is based in the South Island at Westport.

### WESTPORT DEEP SEA FISHING SCHOOL - YOUTH GUARANTEE NO-FEES PROGRAM

1. **New Zealand Certificate in Fishing Vessel Crewing level 3**
2. **Level 2 at Sea Processing National Certificate**

Are you under the age of 18 and want a career in the NZ fishing industry then our no-fees Youth Guarantee program is for you.

On completion of this program, a completed MNZ workbook and 6 months sea-time you will be eligible to sit for your first MNZ licence "Advanced Deckhand Fishing."

This is a great start to a career in the NZ fishing industry as this licence is required as part of the manning requirements for a vessel to work at sea so in great demand by employers.

The biggest requirement to be successful on our program is a **good attitude and a willingness** to work in a team environment.

The WDSFS runs a drug and alcohol-free **residential program** and regular testing is a part of this culture.

This is a great program and the WDSFS provides a residential program tailored for new entrants into the NZ fishing industry. With starting wages of around 50K for new crew it's a reward well worth working towards.

### **The two qualifications listed above make the full 25-week program**

#### **Entry Requirements**

- Applicants must be a minimum of 16 years of age

- Completion of a WDSFS enrollment form and background screening for health and a police or ministry of justice check to meet the requirements of the fit and proper person act

### Accommodation

- Shared room, breakfast and evening meal 7 days a week. \$180.00 you need to provide your own lunches and funds for personal items.



**Key Tip: Go onto their website: [www.deepsea.co.nz](http://www.deepsea.co.nz) and have a read through all the information, especially the APPLICATION process.**



**Once you know what you want to do  
'keep your eye on the prize  
& do everything you can to make your goal a reality.**

If you're aged 13 and above, start planning NOW how you can successfully pass the application process when you're 16 years old (or older).

1. Be respectful at school and do your best. Focus on the skills you are good at and BUILD on them. If you've always struggled or found school boring, then it'll be a good idea for you to take the time to STOP & take stock of your life. Having a 'goal' can help motivate you to make the best out of any schooling opportunity & remember there are different ways to achieve NCEA credits – like joining the NZ Defence Cadet Corp.
2. If you like sports, do your best in your team. Because if you are a good team member you will be able to ask your Coach for a character reference to send in with your application.
3. Try and get any after-school or holiday job. Even it's a boring job that you don't like – Just do it & do it well. Why? Because by working hard you'll be:
  - a. Earning some money.
  - b. Be able to write some 'work-history' into your CV &
  - c. If you do a good job, you will be able to ask that employer for a 'work reference.'
4. Set up a saving account at your Bank and start saving money. This way when your 15 years old you will have money to pay for some driving lessons and the driving license fees too.
  - a. Another reason you'll want to set aside funds is to be able to buy everything you need to make your life as comfortable as possible while at Deep Sea training college.

One other **KEY** consideration is how you are going to pay for this opportunity if you are under 18 years old & can't apply for a Student Allowance. If you are in the Social Welfare system talk to your Case Manager about getting funding. Or approach the MSD to discuss options under the 'Independent Youth Benefit' options.

**Also** – talk to your Iwi or other community support networks about 'scholarship or funding options.'

**Dream + Plan = Do**