

**Office of Coast Survey
Navigation Services Division
Customer Affairs Branch**

Title of Assignment: Acting Mid-Atlantic Navigation Manager

Level of Responsibility: ZP-04 (temporary promotion is NOT authorized)

Assignment Location: Norfolk, VA or Silver Spring, MD (relocation travel costs are NOT authorized)

Expected Start Date: late March/early April 2020

Expected Duration: ~6 months

Who May Apply: Current NOAA federal employees at the ZP-03 or ZP-04 level

Assignment Objective:

NOAA's navigation managers, stationed strategically in port areas along U.S. coasts and Great Lakes, work directly with pilots, mariners, port authorities, and recreational boaters. They help identify navigational challenges facing the marine transportation system, and provide the resources and services that promote safe and efficient navigation.

Navigation Managers directly support NOAA's strategic goal of Promoting Safe Navigation by interacting and working closely with the entire maritime community. This includes:

- Federal entities such as US Coast Guard, US Navy, US Army Corps of Engineers, and all other parts of NOAA.
- State and local authorities such as Harbormasters, Port Administrators, Harbor Safety Committees, and Pilot Associations.
- Public groups and users such as Regional Citizen's Advisory Councils, Fishing Associations, Maritime Commissions, Recreational Boater Associations, and the general public

This position is a critical link between NOAA and Mid-Atlantic region's unique culture and needs regarding maritime commerce, homeland security, and environmental stewardship. The detailee will focus on resolving regional charting and navigation questions by educating constituents on charting technologies and their uses, and soliciting feedback on NOAA's navigation products and services from the maritime community. Travel throughout the Mid-Atlantic region may be expected.

This detail has the opportunity to provide a broad understanding of OCS resources and capabilities and the intrinsically linked relationships between NOAA and other government and non-government agencies and organizations.

Description of Tasks:

As a Navigation Manager, you may have the following responsibilities and duties:

- Provide a regional focal point for Coast Survey in advancing NOAA's marine navigation products and services.
- Expand awareness of Coast Survey programs through outreach efforts at conferences, workshops, etc.
- Represent Coast Survey and NSD in regional, federal, and state inter-agency efforts for safe marine navigation and improved navigation services.
- Work closely with USCG, USACE, DoD, state, and municipal offices and charting representatives to understand and promote maritime survey interests and leverage opportunities for collaboration.
- Coordinate with other regional NOS personnel to support NOS projects within the region.
- Work with the maritime community to rectify any identified navigation issues, keeping stakeholders informed of progress.
- Communicate unique regional survey needs to Coast Survey for future planning purposes.
- Rectify navigation issues and facilitate the exchange of information that is distinct to the region.
- Conduct special projects as directed; projects may include Coast Pilot updates, chart evaluations, ECDIS applications, forward special charting requests, ect.
- Actively participate in regional maritime planning meetings and, during response efforts, serve in the USCG Incident Coordination Center (ICC) as a member of the Marine Transportation System Recovery Unit (MTSRU) coordinating and supporting OCS survey response efforts.
- Liaison with shipping companies, pilot associations, port authorities, port users, and other interested parties to identify and understand their needs for navigation products and services.

Desired Skills:

The following skills are desired:

- Familiarity with OCS products; Nautical Charts, Electronic Nautical Charts, and the U.S. Coast Pilot.
- Knowledge of hydrographic surveying, including processing, analyzing, and interpreting hydrographic survey data using common industry software for nautical chart products use
- Ability to successfully work and deal with complex issues as a multi-agency team member representing OCS and NOS
- Interpersonal skills, problem-solving abilities, professional poise, political sensitivity, ability to work independently, and initiative
- Experience utilizing GIS software (ERSI ArcGIS) to analyze and process hydrographic, current, tidal, and/or geodetic datasets for both display and interpretation;
- Composing technical reports to present hydrographic or cartographic procedures and findings; and

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Application instructions:

Applicants should obtain concurrence from their direct supervisor and submit a resume and a summary statement expressing why they consider themselves to be a good candidate for the detail. The statement of interest and resume should be submitted to Lucy Hick at the email above by **COB on February 28, 2020**. Applicants will be evaluated based on knowledge, skills, ability and availability as required to successfully complete the detail. Interviews may be required.