

FISHING HELPS ACHIEVE GOALS

CALVIN YOUNG loves how much he is able to save working as a deep-sea fisher for Sealord. The 17-year-old says that is one of the best features about his job.

"My goal is to be able to buy a house by the end of next year," says Calvin.

"With my job, you have the opportunity to do double-ups so you can save big time. Double-ups are when you do your shift at sea and instead of having time off, you do your trip again with another crew."

Straight from school at 16, Calvin joined Sealord, making him one of the younger deep-sea fishers working for the company.

He normally works a two-weeks-on, two-weeks-off work schedule but during hoki season this schedule changes to a 10-days-on, 10-days-off roster.

Other fish quota Sealord catches are orange roughly, dory and ruby fish. Calvin has been as far as the Auckland Islands and Chatham Islands from Sealord's Nelson base.

Calvin works on the Sealord vessel *FV Thomas Harrison* as a deck hand, after starting as a factory hand last year. His job is to help haul and shoot the gear (nets) and help process the fish in the factory.

He went to Nayland College in Stoke, Nelson and left school at the end of Year 11. He enjoyed PE, Woodwork and Engineering but decided school was not for him.

"I actually had no intentions of being a fisherman when I was at school but my older brother had been a fisherman and I heard that it was good money, so I thought I would give it a go.

"When I left school, I was working fulltime at Pak'n Save but thought I wanted a better paying job and chose fishing."

The stunning views from deck never fail to make an impression on Calvin. He loves the wildlife they come across, particularly dolphins, and he has seen his first shark.

"That was pretty cool seeing its fin sticking out of the water while it was sunbathing. I have seen things I never thought I would."

When he is at sea, Calvin does a split shift working for six hours, followed by a break of six hours. He has also sailed on the *Otakou* a couple of times and says they do longer shifts.

Being away from his family is the biggest challenge Calvin faced when he first started, and spending time with them is something he looks forward to. He says getting used to different sleeping patterns on board was another challenge early on.

Calvin is keen to go far in his career working with Sealord. He would one day like to be a chief engineer or a skipper but his first goal is to get his deck ticket, which includes doing a course at Westport Deep Sea Fishing School. His advice for school leavers is that deep-sea fishing will suit anyone who wants to work hard and has the right attitude.



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KEY FACTS



- **CALVIN YOUNG** WORKS FOR **SEALORD** AS A DECK HAND ON **FV THOMAS HARRISON**, STARTING AS A **FACTORY HAND** LAST YEAR.
- HE AIMS TO GAIN HIS **DECK TICKET**, WHICH INCLUDES DOING A COURSE AT **WESTPORT DEEP SEA FISHING SCHOOL**. HIS **LONG-TERM GOAL** IS TO BECOME A **SKIPPER** OR **CHIEF ENGINEER**.
- **CALVIN** RECOMMENDS **DEEP-SEA FISHING** TO THOSE WHO ARE **PREPARED TO WORK HARD** AND WHO HAVE **THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**.



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