

HOOK, LINE AND SINKER

SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THE SEA

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ANDREW BARCLAY just loves being out on the ocean taking in the incredible scenery in all weathers.

The 24-year-old New Zealand Māori works for Sealord in Nelson as a fisherman.

He started in the fishing industry at the age of 16 on the *FV Ocean Dawn* where he spent two-and-a-half years learning and working in the factory.

“I then moved onto the *FV Aukaha* for another two-and-a-half years working the freezer area in the factory before progressing towards the deck,” he says. “I have worked my way up since then to become a Senior Deckhand with both Bosun and 2nd Mate experience.

“This is the career path I am most passionate about and wish to further up-skill in the future. I love being in the fishing industry and what I enjoy most about it is the job itself. It is where I have met most of my long-term friends, as well as my fiancé.”

Andrew does not mind the conditions of the sea. In fact, he reckons one of the best parts about it is the occasional time big waves crash around the boat.

“I spend about six months a year out on the water and just love it. Life at sea is great and I meet new friends every trip we go on.”

Sealord has provided the opportunity for Andrew to thrive and also improve upon his qualifications. After leaving Linwood College in Christchurch after Year 11, he has since achieved further qualifications through Maritime New Zealand, including a New Zealand Certificate of Proficiency in Advanced Deckhand Fishing.

He works two six-hour shifts a day when he is working on a 30 days at sea, 30 days off roster.

The time off is great for him to enjoy his other loves of diving and hunting.

Andrew studied PE, Cooking, Woodwork, Maths, Science and English in his last year at school but could not wait to get out on the ocean. It is where he is happiest.

He says the fishing industry offers good long-term prospects for school leavers who are prepared to put in the hard yards.

“There are plenty of opportunities in moving up through the ranks with Sealord. They are the best fishing company around. They are looking at buying new boats and are always looking for people to be crew members. If you work hard they will put you through your tickets and help you along the way.”

The best advice he can give to school leavers is to just give it a go.

“All you need to do is enrol online with Sealord and just do one trip. Like myself you might find you love it. I am still there nine years later.”



KEY FACTS



- **ANDREW BARCLAY** WORKS AS A FISHERMAN FOR **SEALORD GROUP LTD** AT THEIR NELSON BASE.
- HE HAS GAINED QUALIFICATIONS WHILE WORKING, INCLUDING A NEW ZEALAND CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ADVANCED DECKHAND FISHING THROUGH **MARITIME NEW ZEALAND**.
- **ANDREW** WORKS TWO SIX-HOUR SHIFTS A DAY WHEN HE IS WORKING ON A 30 DAYS AT SEA, 30 DAYS OFF ROSTER.



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