

WHERE THE OCEAN IS YOUR OFFICE

SOUTH ISLAND FISHING

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At 16, **JACK CAMPEY** is one of the youngest deep-sea fishers working for Sealord. He loves his job working at sea as part of a close-knit team.

Jack is a trainee factory hand on Sealord's vessel *Aukaha*. His work roster is normally four weeks at sea and four weeks at home, although there can be shorter stints at sea. The vessel is based in Nelson and they fish the length and breadth of the South Island, mostly catching hoki.

"I spend most of the time in the factory on the ship. There are plenty of jobs that you can do down in the factory – like the weigh station," says Jack. "I have been on that recently. You just weigh the fish fillets to the appropriate size, grade them and send them off to be packed.

"I love the whole experience really. I enjoy meeting new people. That is one of the things I look forward to when I am getting close to being back on the boat. It motivates me. I get along with just about

everyone and have had no problems. We are all family and friends on board and take care of each other."

When Jack first went to sea, he found the sleeping patterns of waking up every eight hours took a bit of getting used to but he has it all sorted now.

He says every voyage there are moments of absolute wonder to see on deck, with beautiful sunrises and sunsets the highlights.

"It is a great lifestyle and you can earn good money. When I come home, I have a whole month with time to do whatever I want. It's great."

Jack likes working for Sealord, who he says look after him really well.

"We have good food, we get bonuses for the amount of fish we catch and we get the odd care package, like a phone and phone plan."

At Buller High School, Jack took Workshop Technology (wood), Physics, English, Maths and Hospitality in Year 11.

He had no thoughts about becoming a deep-sea fisher at that stage, but when he left school he became interested through some family contacts. Soon after, he joined up with Sealord.

The future looks bright for the fishing industry and for Jack. He is keen to get into the engineering and electrical side, working on the Baader machine that fillets the fish on board.

Jack says a career deep-sea fishing could suit anyone leaving school, as long as you have the right attitude.

"I think it is all about having confidence. As long as you have the attitude of 'I can do this' then you just have to learn on-the-job.

"You can really get anywhere with this industry if you are determined. It suits both males and females.

"I left school with NCEA Level 1 and I am succeeding in this job."



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KEY FACTS



- **JACK CAMPEY** WORKS FOR **SEALORD** AS A **TRAINEE FACTORY HAND** ON BOARD THE **VESSEL AUKAHA**.
- HIS **WORK ROSTER** IS USUALLY **FOUR WEEKS AT SEA** AND THEN **FOUR WEEKS AT HOME**.
- **JACK** RECOMMENDS THE **FISHING INDUSTRY FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS**, AND IS HOPING TO MOVE INTO AN **ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL ROLE**, SUCH AS WORKING ON THE **ON-BOARD FILLETING MACHINE**.



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