

Why I want to be a Captain

In number 1 of the Swedish magazine "Utkiken" we found following, written by a ten year old British schoolboy:

"I want to be captain when I grow up because it's a cool job that's easy to do.

Captains don't have to go to school such a long time.

They only need to learn figures so they can read instruments. I think they also have to be able to read maps so they don't get lost when they sail.

Captains have to be brave so they don't get scared when it's so foggy they can't see and when the propeller falls off they have to know what to do about it.

Captains have to have eyes that can see through the clouds and they mustn't be afraid of thunder and lightning which they have closer to them than we have.

The captain's wages is another thing I like. They earn more than they can spend. That's because most people think it's dangerous to drive a boat, except captains, because they know how easy it is.

There is not much I don't like, except that girls like captains.

All the girls want to marry a captain, so captains are always having to chase them away to get some peace...

I hope I don't get seasick, because if I get seasick I can't be a captain and I'll have to start working."

