

**FACT**

A Multi-Tasking profession which requires you to switch roles from being a Skilled Navigator or Engineer to a hands on Administrator. The work environment allows you to apply the theoretical knowledge of Science, Mathematics, Shipping Law and Environmental Knowledge gained over the years into practical use as a Mariner. A Mariner learns and practices Business Administration, International Law and Human Resource Management by virtue of his profession. By handling and being in charge of assets worth Millions of dollars, a Mariner shoulders more responsibility at a young age than the CEO's of most companies.

## Our Life At Work



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There are around 50,000 Merchant Ships trading internationally and transporting every kind of cargo. The world fleet is registered in over 150 nations and manned by over a million Seafarers of virtually every nationality.





The Controls



The Route Plan



The Driving Seat



The Team



The Machine

## A Mariner and a Soldier - Officer and a Gentleman

I was born and brought up in a Naval family. Throughout my childhood and youth, I had a dream to be an Officer in the Armed forces. After 12<sup>th</sup> standard, I cleared the "All India Medical Entrance" via "CBSE PMT" and got a call for joining the Indian Navy... but due to the sudden demise of my father, my dream of joining the armed forces was shattered. I, being the eldest son, had to support my family - my mother and two younger siblings (a brother and a sister). They were my first priority. I believed that Merchant Navy was the best option for me since it was a high paying job which would help me overcome the financial crunch our family was going through then. I joined Merchant Navy in 1995 after training at T.S.Chanakya and completed cadetship with SCI. Thereafter, since 1999, I have been with AESM. However, over the years, the desire to wear the Armed Forces uniform never faded. With proper planning, I gradually settled down my family members. Today I also own a Star quality hotel close to Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh. Few years ago, I came across few of my Army friends who used to always guide and encourage me to join the Army via the "TA Army entry". I appeared for the All India Entrance Exam followed by the first round of interview at TA Group HQ at Chandigarh. The board recommended very few for the Service Selection Board (SSB) for further screening. The SSB is considered as the best and toughest selection procedure in the world. I was recommended eventually by "20 SSB Bhopal" for Commission. The whole process of various selections and screening took almost 1 year which I managed during my vacation time. I was commissioned on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2012 into the " MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY". The official ceremony took place at Kolhapur on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 with full honours.

Today I am proud to say that I am a successful Master Mariner on the LPG fleet, a rising business man and an Army Officer. I enjoy the status of an Army officer. This job has fulfilled my long cherished dream to be a part of an Elite Service, which is a very respectful job and a benchmark of discipline, where the whole country looks at us with pride and confidence. And the best part is that I am allowed to continue my job in the Merchant Navy too.

- By Capt. Bipin Kumar



## Captain of the World's Largest Bulk Carrier

Commanding the VALEMAX "Worlds-Largest Ore Carrier" is a dream come true.

Though displacing more than 430,000 Mt, the vessel handles very well. She has very good directional stability and the response of the main engine is quick. Her Main Engine is a MAN B&W 7S80ME-C8 , 2 Stroke , Turbo Charged with 29,260 KW @ 78.0 RPM power.

The Vessel's Design, Bridge layout , Machinery layout, Main Engine and auxiliaries performance are very good. The uniqueness of these Valemaxs is the ability to load single pass cargo and improved fatigue strength of the hull.

She is 362 m Long , 65 m broad with a depth of 30.4 m and a Summer Draft of 23 mtrs.

I enjoy every moment of my stay onboard, especially the times when I am manoeuvring the vessel. I am proud to be part of Anglo Eastern's Valemax team.

- By Capt. Sreganesh Nandagopal, Master of the World's Largest Bulk Carrier

