



# WANTED

## MEN OF STEEL

Do you enjoy a challenge? Do you have strength of character? And are you interested in technology? If the answers above are yes then we are interested in you! 'De Hoop' shipyards are expanding and looking for young people who want to learn the trades of ship construction. The best part is: you can work for us and learn at the same time. 'That means earning, while learning.'

Imagine your future place of work is a large shipyard where container vessels, tankers, tugs and cruise ships are being built. No two days will be the same and you will get every chance to develop yourself. Even during your training you will be helping to build a real ship. As a shipwright you will work on parts of the hull plating (the outer part of the ship), foundations for machinery and engines and many other specific components (frames, stairs, hatches, etc.).

Shipyard De Hoop has two Dutch shipbuilding facilities, one in the province of Gelderland (Lobith) and the other in the province of Groningen (Foxhol). At both locations we have a technical college, where we, in collaboration with the Regional Training Centre (in Dutch: Regionale Opleidings Centrum or ROC), train young people to become shipwrights and shipbuilders.

## WHAT IS THE TRAINING LIKE?

In the first year you will learn the basic skills of working with metal and how to operate various machines. You'll learn different shaping, welding and cutting techniques. At the same time you will receive theory lessons that will improve your understanding of these techniques. Half a day per week you'll have lessons in mathematics, mechanics, physics and you'll learn how to 'read' a drawing.

In addition, half a day per week you will receive instruction in how to make shell expansions and learn measurement techniques. This drawing work is specifically focused on the different shapes of a ship. The second year you will be out in the shipyard, starting to put into practice all that you have learned in the first year. In other words, you'll be doing 'real work'. During this time you will encounter as many different construction phases as possible. In doing so you will see all aspects of the trade and you will experience what it really means to be part of a team building a ship.

## THE REWARD

Well ... we cannot ignore it: if you want to be qualified, you need to take exams. If you do well and pass both first and second year, your results will be converted into a valuable ROC qualification with certificate. If you want to continue learning further, after two more years of study, you will have achieved a full MBO (intermediate vocational education) diploma. This last course is again a combination of theory and practice.

## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

In order to be accepted to the program you must be at least 16 years or have followed 10 years of full-time education. We also expect you to be practical, have an interest in technical subjects and be a thorough worker. The most important, however, is enthusiasm: we are looking for people who really care for the future of our profession.

## INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT

For further information please call Bernice at +31 316 541641 or e-mail to [education@dehoop.net](mailto:education@dehoop.net). Would you like to enrol? Please write a short letter telling us about yourself and your interests, including your personal data and preferences for Lobith and/or Foxhol. This too can be mailed to [education@dehoop.net](mailto:education@dehoop.net), Attn Trainers Shipyard De Hoop.







## ABOUT SHIPYARD DE HOOP

Shipyards De Hoop is a successful Dutch designer and builder of custom-built vessels. Each and every ship that is being built is unique, that means no standard processes, but customisation. De Hoop has a positive approach to trends and developments in the industry, allowing them to quickly anticipate and embrace change. Shipyards De Hoop has grown considerably in recent years, the future looks good and we already have many orders for the coming years. As stated above, De Hoop has two shipyards: De Hoop Lobith, in the east of the country, with 130 employees and De Hoop Foxhol, in the north, with 65 employees. The two shipyards together have an annual turnover of around 70 million euros. The Lobith yard has a slipway for ships up to 200 metres long. Shipyards De Hoop has an impressive track record in designing and constructing custom-built ships. This includes both seagoing vessels and inland vessels. Customers of De Hoop are companies like: ship owners, tour operators, offshore contractors, oil companies and investment companies. De Hoop has its own design and engineering department, together with all other disciplines to build a complete ship. The company is characterised by flexibility and quality, and offers fast delivery times. Shipyards De Hoop celebrated its 120-year anniversary in 2009.

## TYPES OF SHIPS

- Dredgers
- Ferries
- Supply and support vessels for offshore
- Semi-submersible accommodation unit
- Cruise vessels
- Day passenger vessels
- Special purpose vessels
- Tugs
- Container vessels
- Chemical tankers

