Online since 1998 and managed by N.H. Sea Grant, marinecareers.net is a national Sea Grant website devoted to helping students with marine interests explore career options. One of its primary missions is to encourage students to explore the many possibilities the marine sciences have to offer before selecting a particular field or career. To help accomplish this, site visitors can take an aptitude test, the results of which give them a few options to explore.

Divided into sections devoted to marine biology, oceanography, ocean engineering, social and policy science, and related fields, the site relies on question and answer profiles of over 50 marine professionals to present the many career possibilities. Besides representing many specialties, these professionals also cover a great range in terms of educations, employers, ethnicities and geographic locations.

In their profiles, the profilees talk about what they do and how they came to be doing it, what they like and dislike about their careers, what they do when they’re not working, what they see for the future in their fields and what they see for their own futures. Many of the scientists profiled on the site also interact with site visitors via email links posted with their profiles.

In addition to the profiles, marinecareers.net contains a number of other resources. These include information on colleges and universities, internships and fellowships, summer and volunteer opportunities, professional development and other aspects of career advancement. It also includes information on salaries and a FAQ section.

The site has become a much appreciated resource over the many years it has been online. Each day, some 500–600 students and others visit the site in search of information. Many contact the site and over the years we’ve received appreciative emails from 49 U.S. states and 77 foreign countries on six continents.

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