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Abstract

The study determined the indicators of the seafaring profession among maritime graduates of John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University (JBLFMU)-Molo and John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University-Arevalo, Iloilo City, Philippines. The research design employed by the researchers was quantitative research design. The frequency count, percentage, and rank were utilized to determine the factors influencing indicators of the seafaring profession among the respondents of the study. Twenty (20) maritime graduates from JBLFMU-Molo and JBLFMU-Arevalo were the respondents. The researchers utilized self-made survey data-gathering instruments. These instruments were personally administered to the respondents. Results showed that majority of the respondents agreed that the indicators of being seafarers are: the support given by the family, satisfaction of being seafarers, support to financial problems from the family, physical, emotional, and psychological readiness before going on board, have misunderstanding with other crew, homesickness as a common problem, misunderstanding with family while on board, accidents experienced while on board, adjustment with other races while on board, and seafaring as an easy job.