

Mr. Cass and Post secure crane after putting LCVPs overboard.



Conklin uses capstan for taking slack out of mooring line.



Coxswain Petersen and boat crew leave **Westwind** for more cargo.

Boatswains

Applying the old saxon translation to boatswain the definition of boat servant is derived. This definition covers the rating in a broad sense as that is exactly what the Boatswain's Mate does; services the vessel and provides for her hull and deck maintenance.

The rate is one of the oldest in the naval service and is the senior rating in the modern day Coast Guard. The Boatswain's Mate is required to have a thorough knowledge of seamanship, navigation, and communications. He must have an understanding of all deck work connected with boatswain and anchor watches, in addition to familiarity with small boats, rigging, lines, and all ground tackle.

The Boatswain's Mate is called upon to perform and supervise many tasks. He may be found in charge of a small boat and its crew, performing aids to navigation work on a buoy tender, handling cargo, drilling a group of men, or maintaining a lonely vigil at some isolated lighthouse or lifeboat station.

To sum it all up, tremendous knowledge and service experience is required to make a good Boatswain's Mate.

