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day in the life of a ship captain

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Captain Serewa:

My name is Robert Serewa and I'm a captain with Chevron Shipping.

It started all with my father, my father is a captain. He took me on a ship with him when I was five years old. One of the best pieces of advice that he has ever given me was to focus on people, not just to focus on the equipment because everything else is fairly predictable or repairable, but it's the human element that you need to focus on. The successful operations on the ship are based on good and effective communication.

In my view, the model of what a good captain is has changed a little bit from what we are used to. Before the captain was a very authoritarian person. Today, the captain is a person that should filter all the incoming communication, rather than shutting off whatever ideas the officers or the crew may have.
I try to get myself out for my rounds on deck. I choose different areas every single time.

This is my chance to interact with the crew members. I strongly believe in that habit, because that sends the message that the captain's interested in the running life of the ship.

In scene: It looks like Olegs has been doing a good job with this.

Among all of these activities, the number priority for myself is the safe passage of this ship.

Life at sea is definitely very much different to what everybody else does ashore.

We tend to split our existence in between here and the family life. I felt like when I'm coming here I find my solitude.

I have a daughter and it was one of the most exciting moments throughout my career to have my daughter, together with my father, on board. That kind of made her realize what the job is actually looking like. So, it was a big discovery for both myself and for my daughter, really good moment.

It's been 11 years now that I've been working for Chevron. I've got the feeling that I'm the part of a greater organization. Therefore, you are more and more motivated to contribute to the greater success of this company.