

How NOAA Contributes to Empowering Women in Hydrography



The Empowering Women in Hydrography project is a global effort led by the International Hydrographic Organization and Canada that seeks to initiate, organize and track a series of activities and initiatives that will enable more women to participate equitably in the field of hydrography and to assume leadership roles within the hydrographic community.

NOAA is contributing to the project via an 'at-sea experience' on NOAA hydrographic ships for three women each year over the four-year lifespan of the project. After a global call for nominations, three women were selected to join NOAA ships for the 2022 survey season. Chiaki Okada from the Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department, Japan Coast Guard, joined NOAA Ship *Thomas Jefferson* from 25 July to 6 August 2022 while surveying the Great Lakes.

[Read Chiaki Okada's inspiring story here!](#)

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