

# Mihaita CHELARU

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It is an honor to be able to work in an environment that allows me to learn every day new things and to be able to share this knowledge to young and older colleagues alike. Sharing the knowledge should not be only one way, as it is useful to hear and listen to experiences others had in order to build-up knowledge and keep learning in order to build higher levels of understanding.

## EXPERIENCE

### 2003 – 2006

#### ROMANIAN NAVY

After the Naval Academy graduation, I was nominated to take the command of a Minesweeper that operated in Danube River.

In 2004, till 2006 I was one of the few that had the opportunity to participate and learn among the first to operate in international naval cooperation with the minesweeper that I was assigned in Constanta.

### 2006 – PRESENT

#### CMA CGM

I am with CMA CGM since the 2006, when I have chosen to turn to the merchant vessels. Growing the experience year by year from Able Seaman, to Deck Officer and currently as Chief Officer at the moment, during these years I had the opportunity to learn from almost any rank onboard a merchant vessel may work-trade secrets.

Working with CMA CGM allowed me to work on vessels with different sizes, from 5.700 TEUs (Twenty-Equivalent Unit) and 277m in length up to 21.000 TEUs and 400m in length and with different technologies and, usually latest navigation equipment.

For about three years I had participated in Maritime Human Resource Department in the Head Office of the Company, gaining experience in this particular and many times invisible part of a seaman.

During part of the time I had the opportunity to be implicated in the development and implementation of the software the Company is currently using in the management of the vessels and the crews.

Seeing both parts of a seaman life, the on sea and the offshore allowed me to better understand the entanglement, and the way I could contribute and to communicate with and to the Office and to the Crews.

## EDUCATION

2003

**Navigation, Equipment and Hydrography Engineer**, ROMANIAN NAVAL ACADEMY “MIRCEA CEL BARÎN”

I had the privilege to be one of the twenty people that graduated the Navy section of the ROMANIAN NAVAL ACADEMY “MIRCEA CEL BARÎN” in that year. I have been nominated to be Captain of a minesweeper.

2019

**Master in Navigation**, ROMANIAN NAVAL ACADEMY “MIRCEA CEL BARÎN”

With the will to gain more knowledge and to be able to get higher ranks I’ve have followed the courses of the same school, in the school of Masters. Great teachers willing to share their stories and information that would inspire and will increase their thirst for knowledge.

## SKILLS

- Patience and will to tech others
- Consideration and support for people
- Autodidact, self-taught person
- Listening and understanding people

## ACTIVITIES

Currently I continue my leaning onboard one of the few commercial, full cellular container vessels that have LNG propulsion. CMA CGM was one of the leaders and pioneers in this domain, a new challenge for me to discover new elements, means and technology that I would be able to pass forward.