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Abstract

The study aimed to determine the impact of seafaring profession on the socioeconomic status of seafarers in the municipality of Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo. The study was conducted last March 23, 2005 and involved sixty-four (64) respondents. The independent variables considered were the civil status of seafarers, their professional license and sea experience; the dependent variables were the positive, negative and uncertain levels of impact of seafaring profession on the socioeconomic status of seafarers in the municipality of Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo. The data were gathered using a researcher-constructed questionnaire-checklist. To describe the data, frequency count and percentage were used. The study found out that the level of impact of seafaring occupations in the socioeconomic status of seamen in the Municipality of Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo, was "positive", and therefore beneficial to all people opting to take a seafaring profession, not only to them, personally, but also economically. The results also showed that the longer the sea experience, the higher and bigger resources seafarers could obtain, therefore, optimizing their own capability in helping their own family and other people in their community. Furthermore, no significant differences were determined when respondents were grouped

according to (a) civil status, (b) professional license, and (c) sea experience. Finally, the study showed that the level of impact of seafaring occupations in the socioeconomic status of seamen was very encouraging and affirmative to aspirants, as well as to the maritime schools, nationally and internationally.