

# Abstract

This thesis aims to assess what is the influence of the growth of female officers, and aspiring officers in the maritime world. This research is limited to the influence of gender diversity on interpersonal relationships and exchanges on board, but also at the Antwerp Maritime Academy. After an introduction of the feminisation of the maritime environment based on the study of literature analysing diversity in the professional sectors, we will speak about the different modes of interpersonal communication. Finally, the argumentation of this study will be based on testimonies of women seafarers trained or studying at the Antwerp Maritime Academy, collected through interviews or by questionnaire.