Regular Seagoing Positions
Regular seagoing positions are those which require working at sea on a rotating basis of two months at sea and two to four months on shore (approximately 4 to 6 months at sea each year, depending on the position.) Each of the following positions is considered a regular seagoing position and requires successful completion of a new employee physical exam and an annual ODP physical exam:

- Laboratory Officer
- Marine Computer Specialist
- Marine Instrumentation Specialist
- Marine Laboratory Specialist
- Operations Manager

Note: If the physical exam expires while the employee is on official travel days to port call or at sea, the employee will be required to successfully complete the ODP exam prior to participation in a subsequent cruise.

Positions Requiring Occasional Sea Duty
Each of the following positions, in addition to those above, requires successful completion of a New Employee Physical Exam and an ODP physical exam prior to participation in an ODP cruise:

- Curatorial Scientist
- Development Engineer
- Development Advisor
- Manager of Drilling Services
- Manager of Science Services
- Photographer
- Programmer/Analysts
- Repository Superintendent
- Senior Operations Engineer
- Senior Drilling Engineer
- Senior Photographer
- Staff Scientist
- Supervisor of Technical Support
- Other positions as designated by the Director