

**MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY  
JOB DESCRIPTION  
STAFF POSITION**

**JOB TITLE: Port Watch Officer (Deck or Engine) DATE: July, 2017**

**POSITION OVERVIEW**

The Watch Officer stands watch on the training ship as Licensed Watch Officer while students are embarked/living aboard. Responsible for being physically on the ship overnight. This position reports to the Captain of the training ship.

**DUTIES**

- Responds to student watch stander query and requests for assistance.
- Acts as the Captain and Chief Engineer's representative onboard during overnight hours.
- Acts as a safety observer during any evolution involving groups of students; working knowledge of/experience with Safety Management Systems is recommended.
- Oversees the student watch standers in the performance of their overnight duties.
- Responsible for objectively evaluating student performance as well as work and training processes.
- As a uniformed officer, must comply with the Regimental Cruise Manual and regimental uniform regulations as modified by the Commandant for staff officers.

**SKILLS**

- Thorough knowledge and familiarity with all shipboard systems and equipment.
- Experience as USCG Licensed Watch Officer.
- Experience of, or willingness to learn, teaching and objective evaluation of Cadets.
- Desire to inspire, motivate, and mentor aspiring Merchant Officers in their professional development.
- Ability to work with people in a closed, intense environment while providing effective leadership.
- Ability to be flexible to changes of schedule and teaching content in a dynamic training environment.
- Ability to teach watch-keeping/bridge or engine resource management, cargo handling, line handling and deck equipment usage, and proper use of Safety Management Systems.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- USCG Third Engineer's License – Motor unlimited or USCG Third Mate's License – unlimited tonnage.
- Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC)
- Candidate must pass a pre-employment physical examination, drug test, and be deemed fit for duty at sea.
- Computer proficiency is required.

## **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

While performing the duties of this job, this employee may:

- Be exposed to extremes in weather onboard ship, including rain, sleet, snow, rough seas;
- Regularly sit, walk through narrow passages, climb ladders;
- Use hands to manipulate objects, tools or controls;
- Reach with arms and hands;
- Lift and move up to 100 pounds;
- Work in areas of high noise levels.

This job description reflects the general duties of the job but is not a detailed description of all duties which may be inherent to the position. The Academy may assign reasonably related additional duties to the individual employees consistent with policy and collective bargaining agreements.