

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

A College of Engineering, Management, Science, and Transportation

Cruise Able Seafarer VOT CO-OP – Deck, TS STATE OF MAINE

POSITION OVERVIEW

Employee reports to the Chief Officer or his designated subordinate. Employee is an unlicensed deck person. Duties are assigned, and jobs are scheduled and assigned through consultation with the Chief Mate or his or her designee. Employee must possess Valid MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL (MMC) with a minimum STCW Capacity of ABLE SEAFARER – DECK (Limited/Special). Employee must possess current USCG STCW certification for proficiency in survival craft, Basic Safety Training and Firefighting. Employee must be familiar with and have experience with Safety Management Systems as used aboard ship. Leadership qualities and a working knowledge of deck machinery, mooring operations and lifesaving equipment are required.

DUTIES

- Adhere to Safety Management System principles and best practices.
- Responsible for using and maintaining department stores, spares, equipment, tools.
- Comply with all safety PPE requirements.
- Responsible for the operation and maintenance of the vessel's deck gear including manual and electrical and or pneumatic tools under the direction of the Chief Officer or his/her designee.
- Assists with the operation, maintenance, testing and instruction in use of the vessel's firefighting and lifesaving equipment.
- Assist with the maintenance of the vessel's coating systems and cleanliness of the vessel in general.
- Responsible for maintenance of, and instruction of cadets in marlinespike seamanship.
- Responsible for knowledge of and compliance with all Academy rules, regulations, and safety policies.
- Assists the vessel's officers in the development, training and execution of all emergency drills and procedures.
- Act as helm or helm safety during pilotage.
- Other duties as assigned.
- As a uniformed crew member, will comply with STATE OF MAINE uniform requirements.

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 individual employees consistent with policy and collective bargaining agreements.

SKILLS

- Organizational and time management skills
- Ability to prioritize and to handle multiple projects simultaneously
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to interact with all levels of staff including management.
- Professional presentation, appearance, and work ethic
- Ability to work irregular, extended hours including night and weekend duties as required

REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum High School Diploma and or Trade/Union School Diploma
- Valid USCG Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) with minimum STCW capacity of Able Seafarer – Deck (Limited/Special)
- MMC STCW endorsement for “Rating Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (RFPNW)” II-4
- MMC STCW endorsement for “Proficiency in Survival Craft Other Than Fast Rescue Boats (PSC)” VI/2-1
- MMC STCW endorsement for “Basic Training” VI/1
- MMC STCW endorsement for “Security Awareness (PSA)” A-VI/6-1

- Valid USCG Medical Certificate (STCW expiry date)
- Valid US Passport
- Valid Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)
- Current Drug-Free screening certificate or proof of current enrollment in drug screening program.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must pass a pre-employment background check, physical examination, drug test, and be deemed fit for duty at sea.
- The physical requirements as outlined in the U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Medical Manual, COMDTINST M16721.48 (series) are herein incorporated.
- Ascending or descending ladders, stairs, scaffolding, ramps, poles, and the like, using feet and legs and/or hands and reaching overhead with arms and hands.
- Requires lifting, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, and pulling are required frequently.
- Exert up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 30 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.
- Tolerate exposure to extreme weather conditions including rain, snow, sleet, high winds, and extremes of temperatures.
- Use hands to manipulate objects, tools, and controls.
- Reach and work overhead with arms and hands.
- Open and close water-tight doors of 55 pounds or more.
- Work in areas of high noise and/or low light.
- Work aloft at heights above 6 ft.
- Work in confined spaces

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Must participate in USCG drug testing program.

Tobacco-Free Notice: For the health and wellbeing of our community, the Maine Maritime Academy campus and vessels (ashore and afloat) are smoke- and tobacco-free as of August 1, 2016.

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