

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

A College of Engineering, Management, Science, and Transportation

Deck Officer, T/S State of Maine- Sea Term

POSITION OVERVIEW

The sea-term deck officer may be tasked as officer of the watch, may assist in the oversight of shipboard maintenance, and /or may provide cadet training on the training bridge during the annual sea-term. As a junior officer in the Deck Department, reports to the Chief Mate as Deck Department head. At a minimum, must possess all USCG Certificates and Licenses, and all STCW endorsements required of a Third Mate/ OICNW. Must possess a valid passport.

DUTIES

- Performs all duties normally associated with a Third Mate's position.
- Will supervise and train students of varying experience levels in the practical operation of all navigation equipment, deck department deck machinery, tools, and safety equipment.
- Work closely with other ship's deck officers and deck crew while leading cadets during sea-term maintenance on the training ship.
- As a potential member of a damage control team or lifeboat officer, responsible for training students in firefighting, damage control, rescue, and evacuation techniques.
- Frequently act as a safety observer during any evolution involving groups of students; working knowledge of/experience with Safety Management Systems is required.
- Work with the Senior Deck Training Officer to develop and present material while on watch on either the navigation bridge or training bridge.
- Responsible for objectively evaluating student performance using pre-established criteria
- As a uniformed officer will comply with the shipboard uniform requirements as established by the master.

SKILLS

- Thorough knowledge and familiarity with all shipboard systems and equipment.
- Experience as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch.
- Experience in teaching and willingness to learn teaching / objective evaluation of Cadets
- Excellent physical health and evidence of a positive mental attitude.
- Ability to work with people in a closed, intense environment while providing effective leadership.
- Ability to teach navigation, voyage planning, and proper use of Safety Management Systems through practical example.
- Proficiency in ECDIS voyage planning, weather reporting, and MS Office applications

QUALIFICATIONS

- USCG Third Mate's License – Motor unlimited (Second Mate's License preferred)
- STCW endorsements for OCINW, Survival craft, Firefighting, ECDIS and VPDS
- Valid USCG medical certificate (STCW Expiry).
- Candidate must pass a drug test or provide proof of enrollment in an approved testing program.
- Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC) and a valid passport

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

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

- Be exposed to extremes in weather onboard ship, including rain, sleet, snow, and rough seas
- Regularly sit, walk through narrow passages, climb multiple flights of stairs
- Use hands to manipulate objects, tools or controls
- Reach with arms and hands
- Lift and move up to 40 pounds
- Work in areas of high noise levels

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Must participate in USCG drug testing program.

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