



CLASS SPECIFICATION

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DECK HAND, 5131

Summary of Duties: Does general maintenance onboard motor vessels both interior and exterior, performs deck work, may operate the helm on a motor vessel; and does related work.

Distinguishing Features: A Deck Hand may be assigned to a pilot boat, survey boat, tour boat, or tug boat and performs a variety of semiskilled duties under direct supervision on deck and in a pilothouse. Deck Hand is distinguished from other classes assigned to watercraft because an employee in this class has limited responsibility for the safe operation of a motor vessel or motorboat, occasionally operates the helm, performs duties throughout the boat, and may clean the interior of vessels.

Examples of Duties:

- Handles line for mooring motor vessels and motorboats to wharves and to other motor vessels;
- Performs routine work in cleaning and maintaining decks and heads;
- Stows, rigs, and tends tow lines on a tug boat;
- Occasionally operates the helm, ties knots, including the bends, splices and hitches commonly used on a vessel;
- Reads International Code signal flags, shapes, and pennants;
- Watches for obstructions, floating objects, and surface craft;
- Aids port pilots while they are embarking and disembarking to and from vessels and piers;
- May operate a vessel's radar set when underway in adverse weather;
- Locates and identifies ships visually;
- Hails ships on a bullhorn and relays instructions;
- Operates hydraulic winches loading and unloading gear and obtaining scientific samples at sea;
- Greets guests and assists passengers during boat tours;
- Gives narrative talks during boat tours;
- Assists scientific technicians when taking samples; and
- May occasionally be assigned to other duties for training purposes or to meet technological changes or emergencies.

Qualifications:

A good knowledge of:

- Deck seamanship, including nautical terminology, knots commonly used on a vessel, marine signaling systems, and the proper methods of cleaning and maintaining boat decks and compartments;
- Towing and other operations of a tug boat; and

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- International and Inland Rules of the Road.

A general knowledge of:

- Effective safety principles and practices.

Because this class has been designated as Safety Sensitive in accordance with City Policy, a drug and alcohol-screening test may be required prior to appointment.

Minimum Requirements:

Two years of full-time paid experience as a deck hand on a motor vessel is required.

Licenses: A valid California driver's license is required.

Persons with disabilities may be able to perform the essential duties of this class with reasonable accommodation. Reasonable accommodation will be evaluated on an individual basis and depend, in part, on the specific requirements for the job, the limitations related to the disability, and the ability of hiring department to reasonable accommodate the limitation.

As provided in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory, and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what the duties and responsibilities of any position shall be.