

Upper River Services, LLC

Job Description

TITLE:	Deckhand
DEPARTMENT:	Towing
STATUS:	Non-exempt Seasonal
PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES:	Assist Vessel Operator in moving barges.
REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS:	Receives duty orders (time and location) from Traffic Office and work direction from Vessel Operator.
WORK SCHEDULE:	During the navigation season (early Spring to late Fall) shifts are 12 hours per day, day or night, seven days per week. There are occasional days in excess of 12 hours. Personal time off is at the discretion of the Crew Dispatcher.
QUALITY STANDARDS:	Must be able to perform essential functions training guide within 30 days.
WORK ENVIRONMENT:	Must work outside on barges in varying temperatures, weather conditions, and daylight or darkness. Commitment to shift completion is required except for emergencies.
PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT:	Must be able to wear personal flotation devices, gloves, steel-toed boots, and weather dictated clothing.
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Handle lines, shore wires, and rigging to moor vessels to docks, lock walls, other vessels, or the riverbank.2. Build and break tow (groups of one or more barges lashed together) using rigging and lines.3. Maintain the safety of the towboat and all barges in tow.4. Detect and strip excess water in cargo and tank compartments of vessels and halt further accumulation. This entails the use of hoses and pumps, and can require entering confined spaces through hatch covers in order to stop leaks.5. Place running lights about the tow as required for safe navigation, and maintain a vigil ensuring their operation.6. Examine and repair lines and wires used to lash and moor vessels.7. Maintain a lookout on the head of a tow.8. Maintain the cleanliness of the vessel. This includes, but is not limited to, cleaning of all floor areas; emptying trash cans; cleaning galley stove, freezers, and refrigerators; cleaning shower stalls, sinks, and toilets; polishing all brass; dusting of furniture and shelving; laundering of bed linen and towels; cleaning walls, ceilings, and windows9. Remove old paint and repaint decks and superstructures of vessels.
PHYSICAL DEMANDS:	Duties will require climbing ladders and stairs, entering confined spaces, repetitive bending and stooping, lifting heavy equipment, walking on steel decks for extended periods of time, lifting and carrying objects ranging from less than 10 lbs. to weights in excess of 100 lbs. Average weight to be lifted is a minimum of 50 lbs. Lifting and using heavy equipment and tools from various levels is required.