

Ferryboat Captain Assistant

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP	SALARY RANGE
FERRYBOAT CAPTAIN ASSISTANT I	9846	A17	\$42,976 - \$64,469
FERRYBOAT CAPTAIN ASSISTANT II	9848	A19	\$48,244 - \$76,028

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs ferryboat piloting and navigation assistance work involving assisting the captain in piloting and navigating a ferryboat, and ensuring the safety and welfare of a vessel, crew, passengers, vehicles, and other public property.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Assists navigating and maneuvering vessels in areas of high traffic density and under all weather and sea conditions in accordance with the rules of the road for inland navigation and the rules of good seamanship.

Assists in navigating a vessel in situations involving crossings and encounters with other vessels.

Conducts daily inspections and completes reports on the operating condition of all emergency fire-fighting, first aid, and lifesaving equipment on a vessel.

Coordinates drills and exercises covering emergencies such as fire, collisions, person overboard, fog navigation, grounding, bomb threats, and childbirth.

Coordinates with others regarding marine communications, public relations, and land-to-sea communications.

Prepares and submits reports related to incidents occurring on a vessel and ensures compliance with various state and federal laws and regulations.

Maintains and submits daily activity logs on vessel movement, traffic and passenger statistics, unusual occurrences, or special events.

DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS

Examples of work and descriptions are meant to progress through the levels. For example, an employee at level II may also perform work listed within the previous level.

Note: Factors that may distinguish between levels include the degree of independence in performing the work, the scope of responsibility, the type, complexity, scope, and impact of the

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work performed; the oversight and authority; and the employee's related experience, education, and certifications.

FERRYBOAT CAPTAIN ASSISTANT I: Performs highly complex (senior-level) ferryboat piloting and navigation assistance work. Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

FERRYBOAT CAPTAIN ASSISTANT II: Performs advanced (senior-level) ferryboat piloting and navigation assistance work. Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may:

- Provide general direction to ferryboat specialists performing watch and maintenance duties.
- Direct ferryboat deckhands involved in loading, unloading, security, and minor cleaning and maintenance activities.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in operating, steering, and navigating boats or ships. Graduation from a standard senior high school or equivalent is required. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of relevant equipment, procedures, regulations, and policies that provide for the safe operation of a vessel and safety of passengers and cargo; the navigation and steering of vessels; vessel communication systems; the operation of marine vessels; and fire and safety regulations.
- Skill in the operation and control of equipment and vessels, in the monitoring of
 instrumentation and gauges, in docking a vessel, in procedures for passenger
 embarking and debarking, and in determining the appropriate course of action when
 dealing with complex problems.
- Ability to interpret charts and maps; to make adjustments when steering; to address safety and security issues; to communicate effectively; and to supervise the work of others.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

May require specific U.S. Coast Guard certifications and/or document(s) appropriate for the vessel(s) being operated.

Must have or be able to obtain transportation worker identification credentials.