**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Performs routine (journey-level) ferryboat deckhand work. Work involves supervising the operation of loading and unloading of vehicles and passengers on a ferryboat. Works under close supervision, with limited latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED**

Supervises the loading and unloading of vehicles and passengers on a ferryboat, and ensures vehicles are parked in a safe manner and that passengers do not trespass in dangerous areas.

Operates safety gates and vehicle loading ramps.

Provides assistance to passengers and ensures that safety rules and regulations are enforced.

Monitors deck to ensure the security of the ferryboat, passengers, and cargo; reports all observations, activities, and/or matters affecting the stability, operational capacity, safety, and welfare of the vessel, crew, passengers, vehicles, and other public properties to the captain.

Participates in drills and exercises covering emergencies such as fire, collision, man overboard, fog navigation, grounding, bomb threats, and childbirth.

Performs minor cleaning and maintenance of deck, safety equipment, and vessel machinery.

Assists in standing lookout watch in high-density traffic areas under all weather and sea conditions, in accordance with inland navigation rules and the rules of good seamanship.

Assists in the daily inspection of the operating condition of all emergency firefighting, lifesaving, and childbirth equipment on the vessel.

May assist with minor renovation or repair of ferry vessels, to include ferry propulsion, auxiliary, and related marine equipment.

Performs related work as assigned.
GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Familiarity with ferry vessels transporting vehicles and passengers; and maintaining and repairing ferryboats, ships, landings, shore facilities, marine equipment and machinery. Graduation from a standard senior high school or equivalent is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of policies and procedures relating to loading and unloading ferryboat passengers; of methods and procedures used in maintaining and repairing marine equipment, machinery, facilities, and ferryboats; of emergency response procedures; of applicable industry safety standards, guidelines, and specification codes; and of applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Skill in the use of tools and equipment used in the maintenance and repair of vessels, boats, marine equipment, and machinery; and in use of firefighting and lifesaving equipment.

Ability to maintain a safe working environment, to safely address emergencies, to identify equipment issues, and to communicate effectively.

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.