

Captain, Burton Island Ferry

Overall Job Responsibility

Responsible for the safe operation of Vermont State Park's Island Runner ferry boat wellbeing of up to 80 passengers, including crew and park personnel, while in transit from Kill Kare State Park to Burton Island State Park. Responsible for operating the ferry, passenger safety, general maintenance and upkeep of the 56' vessel, and providing high levels of customer service. Supervises Ferry Boat Deckhands. 40 hours per week, 3-4 days per week. 12-hour days and weekend work required. Significant experience operating larger (50-60') vessels required. This position requires a USCG 50-Ton Master's License, or greater. Requires random chemical (drug) testing to comply with USCG regulations.

Extreme weather conditions do exist in this part of Lake Champlain and utmost caution and discretion must be exercised by the Captain. Waves of 4-6' waves in the area are not uncommon, as are extremely strong winds.

Qualifications Required

The Island Runner is a US Coast Guard inspected vessel. Captains must hold a valid USCG 50 Ton Master (or greater) license to operate the vessel. Prior experience in boat handling, both large and small, is essential as the Captain is operating a 56' Motor Vessel outfitted with twin Jet Drives, as well as smaller island support vessels. Captain must pass pre-employment and random urinalysis as required by the US Coast Guard.

Education: High school graduation or equivalent and two years of experience in any combination in the following areas: park operations, buildings or ground maintenance, recreation, tourism, hospitality, customer service, conservation, or related field.

OR

High school graduation or equivalent and two years of college in one of the above fields.

Additional Required Current Certifications:

Basic First Aid Certification

CPR Certification

Valid Driver's License

Supervisory Responsibilities

The Captain is assigned 2 crewmembers, "deckhands". Deckhands are responsible for line handling, assisting passengers in the safe loading and unloading of vessel, passenger safety while underway, and delivering gear to campsites. Captain is responsible for the training and regular safety drills regarding man overboard, fire, and other emergency procedures in accordance with USCG regulations. It is the Captain's responsibility to assign various boat-related tasks to assure the vessel's safety and cleanliness. Boat crew is also expected to assist park staff with park related projects once boat related responsibilities are completed.

The captain is responsible for the safety their crew and passengers at all times.

Skills Required

Working knowledge of vessel electronic systems to include:

Use of radar	GPS navigation
Depth recorder	Emergency alarm panel
VHF marine radio	Basic computer skills
Electronic charting	

Vessel Maintenance- working knowledge of the following Engine Room Systems:

Dual Caterpillar Diesel engines
Northern Lights generator
Dual Hamilton water jet drives
Monitor vessel electrical system

Examples of Work Performed

Inspection and Maintenance of all onboard Safety-related systems:

Fire hoses & nozzles	Man overboard module
Fire extinguishers	Emergency life ring
Bilge pumps	Emergency strobe lights
PA system	Emergency life rafts
Personal floatation devices	

Maintain Vessel Log and record:

Engine hours	Fuel, water levels
Weather forecast	List of vessel crew
Lake level, temp, conditions	Passenger count

Clean Vessel:

Restroom facilities	Wheelhouse
Passenger decks	

Inspections:

Engine/generator fluid levels	Jet drives
Condition of bilges	Hull
Sea strainers	Dock lines and cleats

Maintenance as required:

Oil changes	Adding coolant
Add fuel as needed	Clean sea strainers and bilge
Waste pump out	

Other Shoreside Job Duties:

Assist in dock maintenance and repairs
Assist park staff in pump outs of pleasure boats
Arrange for and deliver gear to and from campsites
Basic maintenance and repairs of Island small boat fleet

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

Work often occurs outdoors in all weather and temperature extremes of the May through October Vermont season. Work is often outdoors, and often in inclement weather. Regular lifting of gear, materials, and equipment is required. Regular use of hand and power tools and equipment such as hammers, tractors. Significant time may also be spent within the park office/contact station in a non-air-conditioned environment. Duties require considerable interaction with the public. Position requires weekend work.