



FERRY BOAT DECKHAND

PG 9 - \$11.50/hour

Assists in the operation of Vermont State Park's Island Runner ferry boat from Kill Kare State Park to Burton Island State Park. Position is largely focused on customer service and passenger safety, as well as general maintenance and cleaning of vessel as directed by Ferry Boat Captain. Also responsible for gear deliveries to and from campsites on Burton Island State Park. 40 hours per week, 3-4 days per week. 12-hour days and weekend work required. This position requires random chemical (drug) testing to comply with USCG regulations.

DEFINITION:

This position performs daily deckhand duties aboard Vermont State Parks' Island Runner ferry boat and at Burton Island and Kill Kare State Parks. Position works closely with the Ferry Captain and other State Park staff to facilitate the safe transport of passengers and gear to and from Burton Island. Duties are performed under the direct supervision of the Ferry Boat Captain and the Marine Operations Supervisor.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

Provides guidance and assistance to passengers embarking and disembarking on the ferry; checks tickets, tallies passengers on board, and ensures that passengers' gear is secure and easy to locate. Assists passengers in loading and unloading gear.

Assists in the safe departure and arrival of ferry to docks; handles the ferry's lines when arriving and departing, as well as providing a stern lookout for captain.

Delivers gear to campsites; assists campers in loading and unloading gear and firewood and delivers to campsites/ferry between ferry runs. Works with captain and other deckhand to coordinate gear deliveries efficiently.

Performs daily vessel checks to ensure the vessel is safe, clean, and ready for operation. Checks bilges, basic mechanical and fluid checks, and disconnects vessel from shore. Communicates any issues to Captain immediately.

Regularly assists in basic cleaning and maintenance tasks including but not limited to bathrooms, decks, and vessel. Assists in oil changes or other small maintenance projects as directed by vessel captain.

Regularly practices and participates as needed with emergency procedures; provides excellence in customer service.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:



- Ability and willingness to work with other people
- Ability to communicate effectively with passengers and fellow crew members to ensure safety and enjoyment of passengers
- Physical ability and condition sufficient to perform required duties
- Ability and willingness to learn and conduct emergency operations, basic vessel operation and maintenance, and cleaning, all under Captain's direction
- Skill in working in a team setting

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

Duties are performed in a variety of field situations, frequently on boats, frequently in inclement weather conditions, and on slippery, unsteady surfaces such as docks and boat decks. Work is performed on Lake Champlain, frequently in rough lake conditions. Standing, bending, and reaching for long periods of time will be required. Work includes some hazardous materials handling. Safety equipment as well as State Park shirts and hats are provided. Typical schedule is twelve-hour days, three on, four off, four on, three off. Weekend/holiday work is required.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Education: High School Diploma or equivalent or three (3) years of high school.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Incumbents must be 18 years of age or older by start date.

As a merchant mariner, incumbents must submit to both pre-employment and random chemical (drug) testing in accordance with 46 C.F.R. § 16.