



Ferryboat Deckhand

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP	SALARY RANGE
FERRYBOAT DECKHAND I	9838	A13	\$35,439 - \$52,388
FERRYBOAT DECKHAND II	9839	A15	\$38,976 - \$58,045
FERRYBOAT DECKHAND III	9840	A17	\$42,976 - \$64,469

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs ferryboat deckhand work loading and unloading vehicles and passengers onto and off a ferryboat and monitoring deck areas to ensure safety during operations.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

The Ferryboat Deckhand job classification series is intended for employees who load and unload vehicles and passengers onto and off a ferryboat. They also monitor deck areas for safety. In contrast, the Ferryboat Specialist job classification series does not focus on loading and unloading vehicles and passengers; rather, employees in that series are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the ferryboat. Also, the Ferryboat Captain job classification series focuses on 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

Loads and unloads vehicles and passengers onto and off a ferryboat.

Directs, spaces, parks, and blocks vehicles; 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 areas 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 ferryboat, crew, passengers, vehicles, and other public properties to the ferryboat captain.

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

Takes required actions in the event of a fire, rescue, or other emergency.

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

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

Participates in the daily inspections of the operating condition of all emergency firefighting, lifesaving, and childbirth equipment on the ferryboat.

Performs minor renovation or repair of ferryboats, to include ferry propulsion, auxiliary, and related marine equipment.

Performs related work as assigned.

DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS

Note: *Factors that may distinguish between levels include the degree of independence in performing the work.*

Employees at the journey levels (levels I and II) may independently perform the full range of work identified within current or previous levels and may assist others in performing work of greater complexity. Senior-level employees (level III) may serve as a lead worker providing direction to other deckhands.

FERRYBOAT DECKHAND I: Performs routine (journey-level) ferryboat deckhand work. Works under close supervision, with limited latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

FERRYBOAT DECKHAND II: Performs moderately complex (journey-level) ferryboat deckhand work. Works under general supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may:

- Conduct daily inspections of the operating condition of all emergency firefighting, lifesaving, and childbirth equipment on the ferryboat.
- Conduct drills and exercises covering emergencies such as fire, collision, man overboard, fog navigation, grounding, bomb threat, and childbirth.
- Create and maintain daily activity logs of ferryboat movements, traffic and passenger statistics, and unusual occurrences or special events.
- Read and interpret engine room gauges and fluid levels, and report findings.

FERRYBOAT DECKHAND III: Performs highly complex (senior-level) ferryboat deckhand work. Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Familiarity with ferryboat transporting vehicles and passengers, and minor maintenance of 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

For all levels

- Knowledge of policies and procedures relating to loading and unloading ferryboat passengers; methods and procedures used in minor maintenance in marine equipment and machinery; emergency response procedures; applicable industry safety standards, guidelines, and specification codes; and applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
- Skill in the use of tools and equipment used in minor maintenance of marine equipment and machinery, and 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.

Additional for Ferryboat Deckhand II – III levels

- Knowledge of marine operations and maintaining lookout.
- Skill in the accurate interpretation of engine room gauge and fluid level readings.

Additional for Ferryboat Deckhand III level

- Ability to serve as a lead worker providing direction to 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.