



IDENTIFICATION

Department	Position Title	
Infrastructure	Marine Deckhand	
Position Number	Community	Division/Region
33-11833	Fort Simpson	Marine Services/ All Regions

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

The Marine Deckhand, is responsible for loading/unloading passengers and vehicles, performs deck maintenance functions, operates deck equipment aboard the ferry and operates heavy equipment on shore to rebuild push-outs on an as needed basis.

SCOPE

The Marine Deckhand reports to the Marine Captain and is part of a ferry team that ensures vehicles are secured and passengers and vehicles safely transported in accordance with Government of Northwest Territories' (GNWT's) Standing Orders.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Loads/unloads passengers and vehicles onto and off ferries

- Courteously directs vehicles and passengers on and off the ferry using hand signals and verbal instructions.
- Selects and sequences vehicles for loading order by determining vehicle size, weight and length to maximize loading space and ensuring vessel trim and stability.
- Ensures that vehicles are safely secured for the ferry trip.
- Observes vehicles during loading and when on board for fuel leaks, unsafe gas hook-ups or auxiliary gas tanks not shut off, advises Marine Captain for action.
- Answers inquiries, gives loading instructions, directs passengers to observe on-board safety rules and explains safety procedures.
- Checks vehicles to ensure they comply with dangerous cargo regulations.
- Assists private vehicles in difficulty by, for example, changing wheels, pumping up tires, jump starting engines to assist public and reduce ferry delay time.

- Assists in the daily mooring and launching of the ferry.
- Raises, lowers and maintains ferry ramps.

2. Maintains and operates terminal and deck equipment

- Performs boat maintenance including chipping, painting, washing and rust removal. Using various solvents and cleaners, also chips and paints hull of vessel during annual refit.
- Operates and maintains safety equipment, life boat, anchor, fire equipment, winches and davits.
- Performs helmsman's duties as required to steer ship and maintain course.
- Under the direction of the Marine Captain launches and takes command of rescue boat in person overboard, marine disasters or emergency situations.
- Provides first response to on-board fires with fire extinguisher or preparing fire hoses, or wears fire fighter clothing and breathing equipment and works hoses under general direction of Marine Captain to fight on-board fires.
- Ensures proper storage of ropes, cables and other ship supplies.
- Splices ropes and cables and ties knots.

3. Performs other related duties

- Participates in fire, life boat, anchor and other emergency drills as required.
- Operates heavy equipment, under direction of the Marine Captain, to maintain push-outs at ferry landings.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Physical Demands

The incumbent spends the majority of the time walking/standing, the incumbent lifts or moves safety equipment and any of the equipment on deck.

Environmental Conditions

The incumbent works outside through a full range of seasonal conditions and weather can be extreme at times, with rapid changes. There can be exposure to fumes, oils, fuels. Unless conditions are unsafe, the ferry must continue to operate.

Sensory Demands

The incumbent is required to observe any unsafe vehicles and ensure that safety procedures are followed (i.e., selecting which vehicles may be safely loaded onto the ferry)

Mental Demands

The incumbent must be prepared to sail with the ferry out of schedule for emergency vehicles, and may be called in to take over a shift at short notice, all of which can cause family disruption.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge and experience on a marine vessel
- Ability to take direction from, and communicate with, senior officers
- Ability to convey ferry safety procedures to passengers

Typically, the above qualifications would be attained by:

- Marine Emergency Duties Certificates (or obtain within 6 months after hiring);
- Valid Medical Examination Certificate
- Valid Marine First Aid Certificate (or obtain within 6 months after hiring);
- Marine background sufficient to demonstrate the knowledge, and skill requirements of the job
- Possess Class 5 driver license with ability to operate a loader

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Position Security (check one)

- No criminal records check required
- Position of Trust – criminal records check required
- Highly sensitive position – requires verification of identity and a criminal records check

French language (check one if applies)

- French required (must identify required level below)
Level required for this Designated Position is:
ORAL EXPRESSION AND COMPREHENSION
Basic (B) Intermediate (I) Advanced (A)
READING COMPREHENSION:
Basic (B) Intermediate (I) Advanced (A)
WRITING SKILLS:
Basic (B) Intermediate (I) Advanced (A)
- French preferred

Aboriginal language: Choose a language

- Required
- Preferred