



YAZOO RIVER TOWING, INC

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Job Title: Deckhand

Job Description

Job Objective:

Upkeep and maintenance of our vessels while doing so safely and in accordance with all rules and regulations set forth by the United States Coast Guard.

Employee's key responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Handle lines to moor the motor vessel to docks, locks or another motor vessel.
- Rig tow lines
- Lay and affix rigging
- Sweep decks using a broom, brush or mop
- Stand lookout watches while the motor vessel in underway
- Load or unload materials and supplies from docks or other vessels
- Paint decks and superstructure of the motor vessel using a chipper, scraper, and/or brush
- Lubricate machinery and equipment
- Splice and repair wire cables and lines using hand tools
- Examine cables that hold barges and motor vessel in tow, requires using a ratchet to tighten cables to ensure barges and vessel are snug
- Check barges and barge void tanks for leakage
- Learn, follow, and abide by all company safety procedures and policies as stated in company safety management system and any applicable laws, regulations, and all other legal requirements.
- Responsible for the safety of yourself as well as your fellow crew members and the vessel at all times. Must immediately report to the Captain all safety hazards and dangerous conditions which might be encountered on the motor vessel or the tow.
- Responsible for observing all rules of conduct and standards of work, written and unwritten, prescribed by the company
- Responsible for keeping the motor vessel clean, orderly, and in good repair at all times. This includes painting and keeping all rigging in good working order as well as your personal living area, lounge and showers.
- Observe the motor vessel chain of command at all times; to follow all orders and instructions in keeping with the intention of the orders and instructions. Deckhands are subject to the orders of the Captain, Pilot, and the Mate.

- Apply yourself to all assigned tasks in order to obtain the necessary knowledge and experience to enhance job advancement and to attain United States Coast Guard licenses and certificates if possible
- To participate as requested in the Safety and Health Program
- Must always have a valid TWIC card in his/her possession at all times.
- Take whatever action necessary to prevent accidents.
- All other duties assigned
- Demonstrate the ability to work effectively as a team member and take and follow instructions.

Work Schedule:

28 day working schedule; seven days a week; not to exceed 12 hours per day; followed by 14 days off. Schedule while on vessel is in 6 hour rotation.

Working Conditions

Nearly all of the physically demanding work of the deckhand is performed outside either on the deck of the motor vessel or on barges in tow, day or night, during all seasons of the year, in all conditions of weather, including weather extremes of heat and cold. From time to time the deckhand will also be required to work in confined spaces such as barge wing tanks.

Initiative

All deckhands will be expected to take the initiative in all areas of work; be willing to ask questions about specific tasks when unsure, and be willing to help at all times when assistance is needed, even when not requested.

Physical Requirements

The physical work requirements for this position are classified as **very heavy work**, during which then employees will exert 100 pounds of force occasionally, and or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects when making tow if performing other tasks.

Mental Requirements

The very physical nature of the work of a deckhand requires that individuals have the ability to concentrate on each assigned task so as to perform the task in a safe and efficient manner. Must also remain alert at all times while on watch. As a member of the crew you will have to experience periods of separation from family and friends while on a normal tour of duty.

Equipment Used

A variety of equipment will be used to complete job duties, such as but not limited to, barge pumps, running lights, ratchets, cheater bars, sledge hammers, toothpicks, marlin spikes, fids, towing wires, straps chains, lines, boat and barge fittings such as timber heads, spools, cavels, and buttons, safety equipment including work vest and safety (toed) boots, a billed cap, work gloves, knives, flashlights and other personal lighting systems, mops, brushes, and hoses, boat and barge winches

Clothing:

Shirts and long pants required. Clothing shall not be so loose that it prevents a hazard. Shoes that cover the entire foot are required with a slip resistant sole. Additional PPE may be required depending on the hazards associated with the task.

Requirements:

- Valid Driver's License,
- Valid TWIC card
- High school diploma/GED
- USCG issued Masters of Towing vessels upon Western Rivers, Inland and/or Near Coastal
- All required USCG credentials (medical card, radar, FCC)
- Verified postings of the following Rivers; the Lower and Upper Mississippi, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee/Tombigbee, ICW East & West, Cumberland, and Arkansas.
- Experience on 2000 hp+ vessel
- Strong leadership skills

Job Type: Full-time