



# Pinnacle Transport

## MARINE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

### JOB DESCRIPTION- DECKHAND

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#### Work Schedule for Deckhand Personnel:

- 28 days on 14 off
  - 20 days on 10 off
  - Your shift may require you to work on holidays
- Work Days usually consist of the following and are up to the discretion of the Captain and subject to change per the Captains orders at any given time.
    - 6 hours on 6 hours off (Block Schedule) **Hours can change at any time, given work situations and Captains discretion**
    - 12 hours on 12 hours off **Hours can change at any time, given work situations and Captains discretion**
  - Deckhands may be requested to return to duty during their scheduled time off if an emergency arises.

#### Physical Demands:

- Standard deckhand duties include making tow, transferring rigging, laying rigging, handling lines, dropping or picking up barges, checking the tow, moving and operating portable pumps, assisting in making locks or bridges, assisting in mid-stream transfers, routine housekeeping duties, and general maintenance. In addition, deckhands may be required to catch a line on deck fittings; work lines at locks, cast lines free when getting underway, and assist in the navigation of the boat ( not from the wheelhouse). Deckhands may also receive designation as a PIC (Person in Charge) of Fuel Oil Transfers from the Captain of their vessel. Specific duties may be posted aboard the vessel. These duties will be performed all types of weather, night and day, and while the vessel is underway.
- Deckhands are required to launch (with help), use, and ride a skiff from time. They may be required to mount the outboard motor, participate in emergency evacuations, and recover the skiff when small boat operations have been complete, and perform his emergency duties without endangering himself or others. These procedures require a deckhand to work on a moving platform where an individual's balance may be critical.
- Deckhands are required to use hand tools, power tools, painting equipment, and personal protective gear. Power tools may be heavy or awkward and generate dust or loud noise.
- Deckhands are frequently required to move equipment that is heavy or awkward, sometimes from one level to another. To qualify for employment, deckhands are required to lift 100 pounds. Moving this equipment may require more than one person in order to move or lift the item safely. No deckhand should lift more than he can safely handle. It is the responsibility of the individual deckhand to request assistance from other members of the crew when he feels it necessary.
- Deckhands must be able to communicate with wheelhouse personnel and other crew-members. Communication may be made via VHF radio, orally, by sound signals or by hand signals. All deckhands must have hearing that allows them to communicate effectively in the conditions that might be encountered aboard a towboat.
- Deckhands must have vision that allows them to safely maneuver aboard the vessel in situations that are likely to occur when a boat is in navigation night and day, year round. Their depth perception must be adequate for assisting the wheelhouse personnel in navigating in close quarters, including lock or bride approaches.
- Deckhands must be capable of stooping, bending, ascending, and descending stairs or ladders safely, sometimes while transporting tools or objects. Deckhands must consider the requirements of a particular job prior to undertaking the task so he can be assured that all necessary equipment or assistance is readily available. Deckhands must know how and when to use the emergency equipment located on the vessel.

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- Deckhands may be required to reach into small, poorly accessible areas of machinery, work on equipment that has pressurized or hot components, troubleshoot equipment that is difficult to reach, work in areas that have high noise levels, work below decks in an area that may experience periods of darkness in unusual situations, work in confined and restricted spaces.
- It is the responsibility of every Pinnacle Transport crew-member to report to the vessel in a timely manner, fit and ready for duty.
- Deckhands are required to report the following inventory to the Captain of the vessel daily:
  - **Gas Diesel Lines Rigging Lube Oil Hydraulic Oil Pumps Hoses**