

TITLE: FIREBOAT PILOT

DEFINITION: Under supervision, responsible for the safe piloting and navigating of a vessel in response to emergency incidents, non-emergency incidents, and other activities requiring the support or services of a vessel. The term vessel refers to both fireboats and rescue boats.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Maneuvers a vessel in position to enable crewmembers to fight fires and protect life and property;
- Directs a crew regarding deck duties pertaining to safe handling and mooring of vessels;
- Operates a vessel's pilothouse/bridge equipment;
- Operates radar, navigational electronics, compass, marine radio, and other communications equipment;
- Maintains up-to-date logbooks, harbor charts, and other records in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations;
- Maintains current knowledge of maritime laws and regulations;
- Takes effective damage control measures to save personnel and equipment in case of casualty or emergency caused by collision, grounding, foundering, explosion, or fire;
- Ensures all personnel aboard the vessel adhere to safety standards;
- Acts as on-duty captain in the absence of the Captain;
- Inspects and maintains vessel equipment in operational order;
- Participates in cleaning, scaling, and painting duties, and performs minor repairs and alterations to topside areas, holds, and firefighting and equipment;
- Performs or coordinates required maintenance work on a variety of deck and navigation equipment;
- Assists with the in-service training of fire personnel in the pumping and vessel handling procedures;
- Participates in inspections of occupied and unoccupied buildings, wharves, and other structures in the Port of Long Beach and the surrounding area for fire suppression and for pre-planning purposes;
- Maintains annual fireboat training hours and successfully completes annual Marine Operations Swim Qualification test;
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of operational and tactical maneuvering of vessels during emergency response;
- Knowledge of Federal and other regulations pertaining to the operation of vessels in inland and offshore waters;
- Knowledge of harbor charts, piloting and navigation instructions, directives, and nautical terms;
- Knowledge of vessel's safety procedures;
- Ability to navigate vessels in all weather conditions and at all hours of the shift;
- Ability to operate and maneuver vessels during an emergency response using effective fire-fighting techniques and ensuring crew safety;
- Ability to think quickly and use good judgment in making decisions under stressful circumstances and/or during adverse situations;
- Ability to effectively direct crew in the safe handling and mooring of a vessel;
- Ability to properly and effectively inspect and use vessel equipment;
- Ability to train and assist crew in operation and maintenance of vessel and its equipment;
- Ability to complete all necessary documentation.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience:

- Four years of combined service as a Firefighter and Fire Recruit in the Long Beach Fire Department.

Licensure and/or Certification:

- Completion of Long Beach Fire Department Pilot Exam Candidate Certification.
- Valid U.S. Coast Guard Master 100 Gross Ton course Certification of Completion.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATION:

- U.S. Coast Guard Master 100 Gross Ton License

HISTORY:

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