

**WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES
DECK DEPARTMENT
JOB DESCRIPTION OVERVIEW**

Listed below is a brief job description intended to provide you with an overview of what is expected and required of a person filling an on-board vessel position.

**Of crucial importance is an employee's ability to deal tactfully, calmly and courteously
with the public.**

ORDINARY SEAMAN

Job Description

Serves as the entry level or beginning rated of the unlicensed members of the deck crew of a ferry of any class carrying vehicles or passengers on Puget Sound. Ability to understand and obey orders, and perform physical work on a vessel while underway and in emergency situations. Required to learn seamanship. During a watch (shift) may perform any duties assigned.

Performs duties of an Ordinary Seaman primarily in the cabin areas of the vessel, assisting with passengers, answering questions and complaints. Responsible for housekeeping and maintenance of the seating areas. Cleanup and restocking of restrooms. Operates passenger plank landing gear making ready for embarkation and departure.

Required to stand by to assist Able Seamen with fire, rescue and abandon ship procedures. Weekly drills are carried out and inspections of the drills are observed and directed by U.S. Coast Guard on a quarterly basis.

Typical duties

Under supervision of the Bos'n or Mate, performs tasks necessary to keep the inside of the vessel cabins clean, safe and in good order.

Essential functions include, but are not limited to the following

- Perform a full range of housekeeping duties as described above on the inner cabins of vessels.
- Assist passengers as required, either by responding to inquiries or by providing physical assistance.
- Prepare for departure and embarkation of passengers by operating lift to secure loading bridge for passengers either manually with a hand winch or by automated system. May untie vessel, releasing stern line from cable then tie lines for docking. May block tires for departure.
- Knowledge of location and general function of all deck department normal and emergency equipment and machinery of the assigned vessel. Familiarity and knowledge of commonly used nautical terms.
- Assist Able Seamen in Fire, Abandon Ship and Rescue drills, performing aspects of the drill such as handling fire hose for testing and preparing life boat for release to water. May be required to assist in emergencies as directed.
- Will be required to attend fire fighting school.
- Participate in other training as directed, such as when standing wheelhouse watch.
- Ability to communicate in the English language, as required.
- May be required to work rapid rotating shifts.