

## WATER-BASED TOURISM

### JOB TITLE

# Professional Skipper of pleasure craft

### JOB DESCRIPTION

Skippers are in charge of the vessel and are held responsible for the safety and well being of the clients and crew. They are licensed by each country's responsible authority and determine the operations of the vessel at any time. They are the ultimate instance responsible for the crew, the ship, the cargo and/or passengers and the voyage.

### KNOWLEDGE AREAS

- Ship construction methods
- Environmental aspects of inland water
- Functions of vessel deck equipment
- EU classification of inland water

### SOFT SKILLS

- Analytical thinking
- Written & verbal communication skills
- Ability to take initiatives and make decisions
- Ability to adapt to different situations, environments and people
- Self-confidence
- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Empathy
- Supervision & reliability
- Risk management
- Compliance with norms/ integrity
- Exercising control
- Precision to detail
- Flexibility

### HARD SKILLS

- Conduct water navigation
- Adhere to traffic regulations
- Orientation skills
- Assess stability of vessels
- Ensure vessel security
- Coordinate itineraries of vessels
- Distinguish various types of vessels
- Ensure vessel compliance with regulations
- Manage vessel cargo activities
- Instruct on technical shore-based operations
- Provide first aid
- Steer vessels

### COMMENTS

To see if and how this occupation is regulated in EU Member States, EEA countries or Switzerland please consult the ESCO occupations pillar in the following link: <https://esco.ec.europa.eu/en/classification/occupation>