

## MARITIME TRANSPORT

### JOB TITLE

# Skipper

### JOB DESCRIPTION

Skippers have command of ships of gross tonnage not exceeding 100 GT that carry out navigations that do not go more than 3 miles from the port and that transport a maximum of 150 passengers. The Skipper can simultaneously perform the functions of skipper and chief engineer, as long as the vessel has the appropriate automation and the power does not exceed 375 kW in a single engine or double that in two or more engines.

### KNOWLEDGE AREAS

- Navigation
- Conventional Certificates
- Traffic management
- Global Maritime Distress and Safety Systems, GMDSS
- Local knowledge of the VTS area and international, national and local legislative framework (port regulation, custom regulation, etc.)
- Operational and emergency procedures
- Physical parts of the vessel
- Self-motivation
- Principles of cargo stowage
- Knowledge of International Maritime Organisation Conventions
- Maritime English

### SOFT SKILLS

- Exercising control
- Providing guidance to a team
- Ability to take initiatives and make decisions
- Risk-assessment (reasonable risk- taking skills)
- Intercultural competence
- Mobilization in critical moments
- Critical thinking
- Ability to receive multiple inputs
- Prioritising (ability to prioritise and decide what situations require immediate action)
- Motivation of people
- Create verbal instructions
- Ability to function under conditions of stress
- Self-regulation (skills to control emotions)
- Social sensitivity
- Self-leadership
- Self-confidence

### HARD SKILLS

- Navigation
- Good knowledge of maritime law
- Regulatory requirements
- Principles of waterway and traffic management including situational awareness
- Sound knowledge of maritime transport documentation incl. FIATA and FONASBA forms
- Port facilities and cargo hoisting devices
- Assess vessel status
- Carry out navigational calculations
- Communicate mooring plans
- Ensure vessel security
- Maintain voyage logs
- Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
- International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
- International regulations for preventing collisions at sea

### COMMENTS

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