

HARBOR PILOT

FLSA Status: Covered
Union Representation: Portland Fire Fighters Association (PFFA)

Class Summary:

This is skilled work in piloting a fire boat. Employees occupying positions of this class are responsible for navigating, operating, and maintaining a fire boat. Work also involves fire prevention, suppression, and inspection duties, as well as piloting harbor patrol crafts. Piloting duties require considerable independent judgment and skill in maneuvering the boat in fog, rain, snow, rapidly changing river and water conditions, and at the scene of a fire. When not piloting or operating a boat, incumbents perform deck hand and general fire fighting duties as well as general maintenance duties to engines, pumps, and auxiliary naval and fire fighting equipment. While at the scene of a fire, positioning the craft involves considerable independent judgment, but a superior officer is available to issue orders calling for repositioning the craft. Work is reviewed by a superior officer, by observation of navigational and fire fighting skills under a variety of weather and river conditions.

Examples of Work:

Navigates fireboats and harbor patrol boats; enforces city ordinances and marine laws; operates several radio transmitter/receivers; assists boating public in emergencies.

Performs a variety of duties with a fire boat company when not navigating the boat; functions as deckhand; attaches hose to connections on boat; operates aerial ladder and deck turrets; operates the boat engines and pumps; performs various fire duties as required.

Participates in fire drills and attends classes in fire fighting, first aid, and related subjects.

Participates in inspection of buildings and harbor facilities; performs general maintenance work in cleaning and maintaining apparatus, equipment, boats, and fire house.

Not all the work performed is specifically described. Not all tasks are done at all work locations.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: (At time of appointment)

Knowledge of methods and devices used in navigating and piloting a boat including physical conditions affecting navigation in the assigned harbor areas.

Knowledge of harbor regulations, federal, and other laws and regulations affecting boat operation and navigation including rules of the road and signal uses.

Knowledge of the operational and maintenance requirements of boats.

Skill in piloting boats effectively under a variety of weather and river conditions.

Skill in operating radio transmitter-receiver in accordance with federal regulations.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: (continued)

- Skill in reasoning and reacting quickly and calmly in emergency situations.
- Skill in performing prolonged and arduous work under adverse working conditions.
- Skill in learning a variety of fire fighting duties and methods as well as skill in the use of fire fighting equipment with a reasonable work test period.
- Physical strength and agility sufficient to perform the work of the class.

Special Requirement:

At time of appointment:

- 1) Designation as a Certified Fire Boat Pilot on all Fire Bureau Vessels and
- 2) Possession of a United States Coast Guard 25 Ton Inland Master's License

Within eighteen months of date of appointment:

- 1) Possession of a United States Coast Guard 100 Ton Inland Master's License

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Class History:

Adopted: 08-19-75

Revised: 03-11-05

June 2009 - Change Job Class number from 5260 to 30000822, due to system change.

August 20, 2009 – Changed timeframe for 100 Ton Inland Master's License from 'at time of appointment' to 'within eighteen months of appointment.' Added requirement for 25 Ton Inland Master's License at time of appointment.