

BARGE CREW

ABOUT THIS JOB

Barge Crew are responsible for the safe and efficient transfer of products between barges, ships and facilities. They also help coordinate activities aboard ships, boats and barges. Individuals looking to fill this position must be physically capable of handling heavy materials, possess good communication skills (voice and hand signals) and be observant. They should have knowledge of basic arithmetic skills (add, subtract, multiply and divide) and of Coast Guard and state requirements for transfer operations. Typically a Barge Crewmember must be self-motivated and be able to work independently without direct supervision.

BARGE CREW PERFORM THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

- Steer vessels using navigational devices or aids (such as compasses or sextants, lighthouses or buoys)
- Stand watch on vessels during specified periods while vessels are under way
- Determine geographical positions of ships, using lorans, azimuths of celestial bodies, or computers, and use this information to determine the course and speed of a ship
- Inspect equipment, such as cargo-handling gear, lifesaving equipment, visual-signaling equipment and towing equipment to detect problems and ensure safe operation
- Participate in activities related to maintenance of vessel security
- Arrange for ships to be stocked, fueled or repaired
- Observe loading or unloading of cargo or equipment to ensure that handling and storage are performed according to specifications
- Participate in the repair or replacement of defective gear or equipment
- Participate in cleaning or maintaining barge decks and superstructures

PREPARATION AND TRAINING FOR THIS POSITION

A high school diploma or GED, two years of training in a vocational school (generally at a maritime academy) and related on-the-job experience are preferred for this position.

EDUCATION:

- * **HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED**
- * **VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PREFERRED**

