

**USF Job Class Description**

JOB CODE: 6564
JOB TITLE: Marine Captain
JOB FUNCTION: Campus Operations & Services
PAY PLAN: 21
CAREER BAND: E
FLSA: Exempt
Effective Date: 04/01/07

Job Title: Marine Captain**Job Summary**

The Marine Captain pilots and navigates a University research vessel and supervises the operation and maintenance of the vessel while at sea and in port.

Nature of Work

This position reports to a Director or other appropriate supervisory or management position. This position operates a marine vessel 12 hours daily at sea, supervises the vessel's crew, and oversees operation and maintenance of the vessel both at sea and in port. This position requires 24-hour availability while the vessel is at sea and the ability to work in a non-stable environment (i.e. pitching, heaving, and rolling decks). Special licensure and/or experience are required to perform the essential functions of the job.

Examples of Duties

The following list provides examples of the most typical duties for positions in this job class. Individual positions may not include all of the examples listed, nor does the list include all work that may be assigned to positions in this job class.

- Pilots and navigates an ocean-going vessel engaged in marine research
- Supervises crew and oversees vessel and research operations on a 24 hour basis while at sea. Supervises crew in operation, repair, and maintenance of the vessel while in port. Inspects the vessel for readiness, prepares gear, and plans routes.
- Ensures proper maintenance and use of survival equipment.
- Briefs passengers on fire and other emergency drills and conducts drills.
- Maintains charts and a variety of vessel logs and prepares required reports.
- Performs maintenance work on vessel, orders parts and materials, and schedules contractors and vendors for other maintenance and repairs.

Minimum Qualification Requirements

Licensed as a Master, Ocean, any grade, in accordance with Title 46, Part 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations with qualifications appropriate to the assigned vessel (i.e. 100 gross tons or larger with radar endorsement); or three years of deck service experience in operating a marine vessel, including pilot house duties involving navigating the vessel, two years of which must have been on marine vessels operating on ocean or near coastal waters. Successful completion of firefighting and radar observer course approved by the U.S. Coast Guard is required. Possession of a certificate of completion for Standards of Training,

Certification, and Watchkeeping, Basic Safety Training (STCW-95, BST) and courses in first aid and CPR.

Special Working Conditions

Working conditions include outdoor weather; a non-stable environment (i.e., pitching, heaving, and rolling decks); a noisy environment; hot and confined spaces; and moving, lifting, or carrying heavy objects. This position may be required to work on weekends and holidays and, when at sea, is required to work 12-hour work shifts and be available to work on a 24-hour basis.