



## **JOB DESCRIPTION – ABLE SEAMAN (A/B)**

### **1. Reporting and Backup Arrangements**

1. The Able Seaman reports to the Chief Officer (or Bosun if such rank is on board) and Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch, as applicable.
2. The Chief Officer will approve a suitable backup arrangement for periods of absence.

### **2. Responsibilities**

1. Carrying out deck maintenance tasks as instructed by the Boatswain or Watch Officer.
2. Standing watches on the navigating bridge as an experienced look out and reporting all ships and sightings to the Navigational Officer on watch.
3. Steering the vessel on a given course or as instructed by the watch officer, Master, or pilot.
4. Carrying out port / cargo / security / safety watches.
5. Monitoring cargo operations and tallying cargo as instructed.
6. Complying with safety, security, drug and alcohol and environment protection procedures.
7. Preparing himself to carry out his emergency response duties as assigned through the Muster List.
8. Co-operate with other crewmembers in creating a safe, efficient, and healthy working environment.

### **For Environmental Management System (EMS) responsibilities:**

1. Working in line with EMS Policy and processes.
2. Contributing to the implementation of the Planning Actions related to their Department's activities.
3. Reporting any environmentally related near misses, incidents, accidents, etc., to their superiors.

### **3. Job Entry Requirements**

1. Certified qualifications:
  - a. Certificate of competency as able seaman (if issued in home country) or at least as rating forming part of a navigational watch and all additional documentation and certification required by imo STCW, flag state and company for the type, size and trade of the vessel
2. Special pre-entry competency requirements:
  - a. At least three years' experience as ordinary seaman
  - b. Navigational watchkeeping and steering experience
  - c. Crane driving, mooring and deck maintenance experience
  - d. Good command of the English language