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Deckhand / Able Seaman, Towing and Offshore Supply

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SUMMARY

Deckhand with 6 years and about 1,100 days of sea time on inland towboats and offshore supply vessels. Holds an MMC with Able Seafarer Deck endorsement, STCW Basic Safety Training and a TWIC. Skilled in line handling, tow building, cargo work and deck maintenance with zero lost-time incidents.

EXPERIENCE

Able Seaman — Terrebonne Gulfline Marine Services

Houma, LA · Apr 2022 – Present

- Work 28-day hitches on a 260-foot offshore supply vessel, handling deck cargo for 3 platforms each trip.
- Secured about 450 lifts of pipe, containers and tanks per month with zero dropped-object incidents.
- Stand 2 navigation watches a day as lookout and helmsman, logging conditions every hour.
- Led 4 new deckhands through their first hitch, covering mooring, tag lines and permit-to-work rules.
- Kept the deck maintenance plan on schedule, chipping and painting about 1,800 square feet per hitch.

Deckhand — Atchafalaya Bend Towing Company

Morgan City, LA · Jun 2019 – Mar 2022

- Built and broke tows of up to 30 barges on the Lower Mississippi, tightening wires and checking couplings each watch.
- Inspected void spaces and draft marks on about 120 barges a month and reported leaks to the mate.
- Took part in 36 fire, man-overboard and abandon-ship drills with full crew sign-off each time.

SKILLS

Deck work: Line handling, mooring, tow building, rigging, cargo securing, tag lines, winch operation

Maintenance: Chipping and painting, greasing winches, wire splicing, hatch and door seals, deck repairs

Watchkeeping: Lookout, helm, rounds, log entries, radio procedures, weather watch

Safety: Permit to work, lockout tagout, PPE, man-overboard recovery, firefighting, confined space awareness

CERTIFICATIONS

Merchant Mariner Credential, Able Seafarer Deck, 2022

STCW Basic Safety Training, renewed 2025

TWIC card, valid to 2028

First Aid and CPR, American Heart Association, 2025

EDUCATION

High school diploma, Terrebonne High School, 2018

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