Crew Members’ Salaries: Apprenticeships Available

ENGINEERING:
- Engine Utility Person
  - Monthly Base: $2500
  - Overtime: $2261
  - Monthly Total: $4761
- Deck Engineer Machinist (Fabricator)
- Unlicensed Junior Engineer
- 2nd Electrician
- Refrigeration Engineer
- Electronics Technician
- Wiper (General Maintenance/Upkeep)

DECK:
- Deckhand (no license needed)
- Ordinary Seaman/Fisherman
- Able Bodied Seaman (Extra Duties)
  - Monthly Base: $2419
  - Overtime: $2188
  - Monthly Total: $4607

STEWARD/HOTEL: Sometimes called the supply department.
- Chief Steward/Chief Cook
  - Monthly Base: $2528
  - Overtime: $2287
  - Monthly Total: $4815
- Utility Person (Food/Cleaning)
  - Monthly Base: $1680
  - Overtime: $1519
  - Monthly Total: $3199

Officer Ratings: Degree Required (number varies by ship)
- Officers are associated with the Reserves of US Navy and work with the Coast Guard. The Great Lakes Maritime Academy offers a combination 3-year A.A.S. degree in Maritime Technology and a 4-year Bachelor’s in Business Administration through FSU. This is a civilian based program.

ENGINEERING: Propulsion, Maintenance and Management (qualified to run power plants on shore)
- Ranks include Chief, 1st through 3rd Assistant, and Junior Engineer
- 3rd Assistant Engineer
  - Monthly Base: $3510
  - Overtime: $3175
  - Monthly Total: $6685

DECK: Pilots, Captains, and Mates
- Third Mate
  - Monthly Base: $3510
  - Overtime: $3175
  - Monthly Total: $6685

COMMUNICATIONS:
- Radio Officer (FCC Licensed)
  - Monthly Base: $4938
  - Overtime: $4466
  - Monthly total: $9404

Medical Staff: sometimes on board

Employment Information (through private ship or union)

US Merchant Marine consists of privately owned ships regulated by the Department of Transportation. They have affiliations with the military but are not active duty, however, the Officers are often commissioned in the Naval Reserve or another branch. During wartime, the ships may be called on to transport troops or supplies.

Coast Guard Credentials: both crew and officers
- Crew: Maritime Training Institutes
- Officers: US Merchant Marine Academy or one of the 16 State Maritime Colleges.

Seafarers Internationals Union: free maritime apprentice programs.

The Lake Carriers Association: www.lcaships.com

The American Waterways Operators: www.americanwaterways.com

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: www.usace.army.mil

Inlandboatmen’s Union of the Pacific: www.ibu.org

Documents Needed:
- Merchant Mariners Document: www.uscg.mil/nmc
- TWIC: Identification www.tsa.gov/twic
- Licensing Service: www.seakslicensing.com
- Maritime Administration: www.marad.dot.gov

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