



# Able Seaman (W)

## MERIT PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement #	21-161-01MP		
Title, Series, Grade, (Code):	Able Seaman (W) WM 9924-09 (161)		
Base Salary:	West: \$52,916 Per annum		
Opening Date:	July 21, 2021	Closing Date:	August 4, 2021
Location:	Military Sealift Command (MSC) Vessels Worldwide		
Who May Apply:	Open to all permanent qualified Military Sealift Command (MSC) Civil Service Mariner (CIVMARS) employees. Applicants, who previously applied under POA 20-161-01MP, must reapply, if they wish to be considered for this position.		
Duties:	<p>The Able Seaman (W) is a Civil Service Mariner (CIVMAR) employed by the Navy to serve the Military Sealift Command (MSC) onboard naval auxiliaries and hybrid-manned warships worldwide, in peace and war. MSC exists to support the joint warfighter across the full spectrum of military operations. MSC provides on time logistics, strategic sealift, as well as specialized missions anywhere in the world, in contested or uncontested environments.</p> <p>The Able Seaman (W) is a watch position in the Deck Department aboard ship both at sea and in port. The incumbent is under the direct supervision of Licensed Officers during regular operations. As a bridge watch stander, the AB(W) must be thoroughly familiar with deck watch standing procedures. The AB(W) must be a qualified UNREP Helmsman and lookout. As a lookout, the AB(W) will apply the rules of the road and bouyage system. As an UNREP helmsman, the AB(W) must have knowledge of the steering system onboard including emergency steering procedures and equipment. The incumbent must know all helm orders and be able to steer reliably, including alongside other ships during underway replenishment. As a gangway watch, the AB(W) will provide the primary security for the ship and be thoroughly familiar with immediate actions in the event of fire, emergency and pre-planned responses for force protection. During UNREP/VERTREP, the AB(W) is normally assigned duties on the bridge or in aft steering, but may be assigned other duties under the direct supervision of the Boatswain(s) or Boatswain Mate(s). In port and at sea, Able Seaman (W) watch performs duties that pertains to general maintenance, sanitation and upkeep of material and equipment of the Bridge and Gangway areas.</p>		

	<p>Must be eligible to have access to, handle and be qualified in small arms in accordance with OPNAVINST 3591.1.</p> <p>Everything in this Position Description is considered to be an essential function of this position. Performs all other duties as assigned.</p>
<p>Minimum Eligibility Requirements:</p>	<p>1. Must possess current and valid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United States Coast Guard (USCG) Merchant Mariner's Credential (MMC), with a minimum of ten (10) months remaining of expiration date with the following endorsement(s): Able Seaman Unlimited, or any unlicensed rating in the deck department and,</li> <li>• Current STCW endorsed as: Able Seafarer - Deck and Ratings Forming Part of a Navigational Watch (RFPNW).</li> <li>• USCG Medical Certification.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The "Any unlicensed rating in the deck department" is an endorsement given ONLY to CIVMARs holding a Deck license.</p> <p><b>COPIES OF CERTIFICATES AND DOCUMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT ARE TO BE LISTED ON THE MSC PROMOTION APPLICATION FORM UNLESS DOCUMENTATION IS SUPPORTING COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE OTHER THAN MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND EXPERIENCE.</b></p>
<p>Evaluation Criteria:</p>	<p><b>Applicants who meet the Minimum Eligibility Requirements described above will be further evaluated. Documented knowledge, skills, and abilities, education, training, and awards contained in the application package and resume will be reviewed and rated to determine the degree to which applicants possess the required knowledge, skills, and abilities listed below that are essential to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position for which applicants are being considered.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Knowledge of watch standing, lookout, and underway bridge procedures.</li> <li>2. Ability to steer the ship to a precision of <math>\pm 0.5</math> degrees in sea state 2 or less; <math>\pm 2.0</math> degrees in sea state 3 and above.</li> <li>3. Ability to perform general maintenance, sanitation and upkeep of bridge and gangway areas.</li> <li>4. Knowledge of Security Force procedures and pre-planned responses.</li> <li>5. Ability to proficiently use small arms.</li> <li>6. Knowledge of shipboard safety and firefighting equipment, and emergency responses.</li> </ol> <p>To earn the highest rating possible, you are encouraged to submit detailed information of the knowledge, skills, and</p>

	abilities listed above. <b>Related MSC, military, and/or commercial experience, etc., will also be part of the rating process.</b>
Conditions of Employment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All MSC Civilian Marine positions are subject to random drug urinalysis testing and require participation in vaccine immunization program. In order to be permanently promoted for this position, the selectee must:</li> <li>• Meet the medical requirements,</li> <li>• Successfully complete the training requirements,</li> <li>• Be clear of any adverse or disciplinary action,</li> <li>• Be able to obtain and maintain the appropriate security clearances,</li> <li>• Be ready, willing, and able to physically perform the duty of this position worldwide at all times,</li> <li>• Be ready, willing, and able to, work in a shipboard environmental conditions, and wear protective equipment worldwide at all times, and</li> <li>• Have overall "Good" or above evaluation ratings.</li> <li>• Must be eligible to have access to, handle and be qualified in small arms in accordance with OPNAVINST 3591.1.</li> </ul>
How to Apply:	<p><b>ALL documents MUST be postmarked by the cut off or closing date of this announcement (Eastern Standard Time).</b> MSC is not responsible for obtaining documents to include in your package.</p> <p>1. Application packages will not contain national security classified information. Inclusion of classified information is a security violation and <b>WILL</b> disqualify an application from consideration and appropriate administrative or disciplinary action, up to and including removal, <b>WILL</b> be taken. Depending on the severity of the security violation, it may be considered a violation of U.S. criminal law under United States Code Title 18 or Title 50, and appropriate action taken. Should there be a desire to include information that was cited in a Bravo Zulu message regarding performance, the applicant can cite the message DTG and include pertinent UNCLASSIFIED comments in their resume or elsewhere in the application. No change from previous guidance.</p> <p>2. In order to preclude any Privacy Act, HIPAA or other like violations, applications shall not include date of birth, full Social Security Number, references to religion, national origin, sex, race, etc., photographs, CD's, news clippings or medical information/records. With regard to news clippings, articles, or the like - if these documents contain information, experience or accomplishments that are in</p>

direct relation to the position that the applicant is applying for, he/she may reference them with a summarized explanatory note. Where and how to do that is left to the applicant's discretion. No change from previous guidance.

3. Application packages are to be one-sided and shall not exceed 35 pages (evaluations are excluded from this page limitation). Application packages shall not be stapled, taped, spiral bound, or placed in three ring binders. A paper clip, binder clip, or folder is recommended. Standard business format and font, to the extent practicable (i.e. Courier New, 12 pitch), is recommended. Application packages that exceed the page limitation WILL NOT be considered. No change from previous guidance.

4. As noted above, application packages **SHALL NOT** exceed 35 one-sided pages. The following documents are required and are to be packaged in the following order:

a. Completed MSC Promotion Application.

b. Resume. All resumes must show sufficient experience and/or education, knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the duties of the specific position for which applicants are being considered in order to receive maximum credit. Resumes shall include the following information:

(1) Full name.

(2) Highest CIVMAR permanent position held and inclusive dates.

(3) Relevant work experience within the last 5 years including paid and non paid public or private sector work experience related to the job for which applying.

(4) Colleges or universities name, city, and state (with zip code), major(s), type and year of any degree received (if no degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hour).

c. Summary of ship assignments including position held and dates assigned for at least the last five (5) years. However, if this information is already contained in the resume it is not necessary to duplicate it.

d. Job related training courses (list courses with title and date completed only). Do not submit copies of course completion certificates.

e. Job related honors, awards, and special

	<p>accomplishments; for example, Military, Government, or recognized professional organizations related to the maritime field and performance awards (give date, type, and short synopsis of accomplishment but do not send documents).</p> <p>f. Last five (5) years of evaluations signed by supervisory chain-of-command this can include MAP Evaluations. Note that MAP evaluations submitted will be used to validate the HRMS database and will be extracted from the "package" once the MAP HRMS data is identified. Evaluations do not count against the 35 page limitation.</p> <p>5. Except as otherwise stated in the advisory and the specific POA to which the applicant is responding, the overall score will be reduced if the applicant fails to submit required information according to the instructions contained in the advisory or POA.</p> <p>6. Failure to submit required information to show that you meet the minimum qualifications as outlined in the POA will result in the applicant being found ineligible.</p> <p>7. All applications and supporting documents will become the property of MSC and will not be returned to the applicant once submitted. Applicants are encouraged to make copies prior to submission.</p> <p>8. Any questions may be directed to the MSC Employment Division via email at <a href="mailto:MSCPOAInbox@navy.mil">MSCPOAInbox@navy.mil</a>. Inquiry responses will be provided within 2 business days.</p>
<p>How To Contact Us:</p>	<p>Completed application packages will be accepted via Regular mail, FedEx, Email, Fax, and hand-delivered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mail</b> completed packages to: Military Sealift Command Attn: Marine Employment Division N121 Bldg SP-64, 471 East C Street Norfolk, VA 23511-2419</li> <li>• <b>Fax</b> completed packages to the MSC Marine Employment Division at <b>(757) 443-2936</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Email</b> packages to: <a href="mailto:MSCPOAInbox@navy.mil">MSCPOAInbox@navy.mil</a> (Subject line of email should contain the announcement number and position title.)</li> <li>• <b>Hand Deliver</b> completed packages to the MSC Marine Employment Division, Bldg SP-312, 581 A Street, Norfolk, VA 23511</li> </ul>
<p><b>NOTE:</b></p>	<p><b>FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR THIS POSITION WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR ELIGIBILITY.</b> Federal job applicants who make a false statement in any part of the application could be turned down for the job;</p>

	fired after beginning work; or subject to fine, imprisonment (U.S. Code, title 18, section 1001), or other disciplinary action.
<b>MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.</b>	<p>All applicants meeting minimum qualifications will receive consideration without regard to age, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, lawful political affiliation, non-disqualifying disability, marital status, sexual orientation, ethnicity, other personal condition unrelated to the applicant's basic ability to perform satisfactory. Please visit <a href="http://www.msc.navy.mil/civmar/eo.htm">http://www.msc.navy.mil/civmar/eo.htm</a> for more information. The agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities, where appropriate. Determinations of whether an accommodation is appropriate shall be made by the agency as soon as practicable, after the initial application process and shall be made with regard to all applicable statutes and regulations. If assistance is required to complete the application process, interested applicants should send an email to <b>MSCPOAInbox@navy.mil</b> and/or refer to the "How to Apply" section of this announcement.</p>

