



Boatswain

MERIT PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement #	27-150-01MPOC		
Title, Series, Grade, (Code):	Boatswain, WM 9920-15, (150)		
Base Salary:	\$68,551 Per annum		
Opening Date:	October 1, 2026	Closing Date:	Open Continuous with Periodic Cut-Offs
Location:	Military Sealift Command (MSC) Vessels Worldwide		
Who May Apply:	Due to critical shortages in this rating, applications will receive immediate consideration upon receipt. Selections will be made until critical shortages no longer exist. Open to all permanent qualified Military Sealift Command (MSC) Civil Service Mariner (CIVMAR) employees. Applicants, who previously applied under POA 26-150-01MPOC, must reapply, if they wish to be considered for this position.		
Duties:	<p>The Boatswain 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>As a senior unlicensed deck person, responsible for the proper maintenance and operation of deck department areas and the safety and cleanliness of all deck work areas and stowage spaces while ensuring the safety of subordinates, and performs docking, undocking, and anchoring duties. All duties assigned are with due regard to local, Federal and Command environmental/pollution regulations. Serves as a team leader assisting department supervisors in training, directing and supervision of deck department personnel. A Boatswain (Day) reports to the First Officer; assists with SAMM (Ship Automated Maintenance Management) system requirements; provides input for Maintenance and Repair projects for the master voyage repair list (VRL); and maintains a running inventory of ongoing work projects. A Boatswain (UNREP) reports to the Cargo Officer following the First Officer. Oversees the care, upkeep, and proper rigging of all UNREP equipment; the safe launch/recovery of all boats; the safe and efficient, loading, offloading, stowage of all deck supplies and/or cargo, including dry stores, petroleum</p>		

products, and ammunition; and all operations involving personnel working aloft or over the side. Maintains running inventory and daily work logs of UNREP related supplies, tools, equipment, maintenance, and repairs. Duties include, but are not limited to:

As a team leader, musters department personnel and assigns work as directed by the First Officer. He supervises daily activity of deck department day workers. Refers grievances and potential disciplinary issues to immediate supervisor. Assists deck department supervisors in the training, directing and supervision of other deck department shipboard personnel who are less experienced in the fundamentals of their work. Responsible for proper supervision of deck specialty personnel (i.e. fire marshal/paint locker custodian, etc.).

Responsible for the safety of crewmembers. Ensures that crewmembers wear protective clothing and use protective equipment when performing hazardous work and are properly dressed for the job at hand, including proper protection from the weather elements. Provides training to deck department personnel in their daily work duties, and for their emergency station assignments. Responsible for immediately reporting any accidents, injuries, safety hazards, etc., to immediate supervisor. Ensures that all deck personnel are familiar with COMSC policy concerning pollution.

Responsible for the operation and safety of deck department equipment, ensuring that no faulty equipment is used. At the end of each daily assignment, ensures all hands conduct proper clean up and ascertains that tools and equipment have been properly stowed and secured for sea. Responsible for the safety and cleanliness of all deck work areas and stowage spaces.

Performs docking, undocking, and anchoring duties as assigned by the First Officer Assists in directing operations at these workstations via the Officer in Charge, ensuring a safe and efficient work environment. Assists in training newly assigned personnel in docking/undocking and anchoring procedures. Prior to departing port, ensures that all deck spaces and weather deck equipment and/or cargo have been inspected and properly secured for getting underway.

Assists the First Officer with the deck department's monthly SAMM (Ship Automated Maintenance Management) system requirements. Provides input for M & R projects for the master voyage repair (VRL) list. Ensures requisitions for required material are passed to the

	<p>First Officer in a timely manner. Maintains a running inventory of ongoing work projects, including allocated and utilized overtime money.</p> <p>Must be able to effectively use applicable shipboard software applications and computers.</p> <p>As a Boatswain (Day), oversees the safe launch/recovery of all boats, rafts, etc.; oversees all operations involving personnel working aloft or over the side; and oversees the safe and efficient loading, offloading, and stowage of all deck supplies and/or cargo. Ensures compliance with proper safety, maritime maintenance, and cleanliness procedures surrounding the ship's hull and topside/deck equipment.</p> <p>As a Boatswain (UNREP) oversees the care, upkeep, and proper rigging of all UNREP equipment; keeps a running inventory of all expendable UNREP supplies (hoses and hardware) and safety tools/equipment; and maintains a daily work log of all UNREP related maintenance and repairs, including a running inventory and wire log of all UNREP wires. Assists assigned specialists in the proper testing of all UNREP equipment, the compliance with proper safety, maritime maintenance, and cleanliness procedures surrounding the ship's UNREP equipment (i.e. booms, block rigging, wire, winches, hoses, etc.). Trains BM's and deck department personnel in sending and receiving rigs. Prior to departing port, ensures all deck spaces and weather deck equipment and/or cargo have been inspected and properly secured for ocean steaming. During UNREP operations, acts as rig supervisor on deck applying the proper method of rigging and operation that each rig and vessel is capable of sending and receiving. Ensures the activities at each replenishment station are being conducted in the safest and most efficient manner. Ensures that rig captains follow the prescribed check-off lists furnished by the Cargo Officer in preparing the stations for operations, and that assigned personnel are properly indoctrinated and properly attired. Reports discrepancies to the attention of the Cargo Officer as soon as possible. On a T-AO/T-AOE directs tank cleaning operations, butterworthing, gas-freeing and mucking during tank cleaning evolutions. On an Ammo Cargo Ship supervises cargo loading, discharge, and stowage. Oversees and trains the crew in use of Material Handling Equipment (MHE), Ordnance Handling Equipment (OHE) and cargo handling gear. Executes and supervises flight deck staging plan.</p> <p>Ensures continuing application of and compliance with EEO laws, regulations and policies.</p>
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	<p>Everything in this Position Description is considered to be an essential function of this position.</p> <p>Performs other duties as assigned.</p>
Minimum Eligibility Requirements:	<p>1. Must possess current and valid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) endorsed as: Able Seaman Unlimited and Able Seafarer Deck. • STCW - Proficiency in Survival Craft (PSC) & Rescue Boats Other than Fast Rescue Boat (FRB). • Tankerman Assistant DL. <p>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.</p>
Evaluation Criteria:	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to plan, organize, direct, train and assess the work of others. 2. Ability to apply knowledge of seamanship. 3. Ability to apply knowledge of cargo loading and discharging operations. 4. Knowledge and skill in operating cargo material handling equipment such as winches, forklifts, etc. 5. Knowledge of shipboard safety, including lifesaving and firefighting equipment, methods and techniques. <p>To earn the highest rating possible, you are encouraged to submit detailed information of the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed above. Related MSC, military, and/or commercial experience, etc., will also be part of the rating process.</p>
Conditions of Employment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All MSC Civil Service Marine positions are subject to random drug urinalysis testing and require participation in vaccine immunization program. As the laws for marijuana usage become legal for some

	<p>states, it is still illegal at the Federal level and will have the same impact on suitability and security as it did before. In order to be permanently promoted for this position, the selectee must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the medical, dental and mental requirements, • You will be required as a condition of employment to obtain and maintain a U.S. Special Issuance Passport (also referred to as an official or maroon passport), • Successfully complete the training requirements, • Be clear of any adverse or disciplinary action, • Be able to obtain and maintain the appropriate security clearances, • Be ready, willing, and able to physically perform the duty of this position worldwide at all times, • Be ready, willing, and able to, work in shipboard environmental conditions, and wear protective equipment worldwide at all times, and • Have overall "Good" or above evaluation ratings.
How to Apply:	<p>ALL documents MUST be postmarked by the cut off or closing date of this announcement (Eastern Standard Time). 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 WILL disqualify an application from consideration and appropriate administrative or disciplinary action, up to and including removal, WILL 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 direct relation to the position that the applicant is</p>

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.

	<p>e. Job related honors, awards, and special 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 MyMSC database and will be extracted from the "package" once the MAP MyMSC data is identified. Evaluations do not count against the 35 page limitation. Applicants are strongly encouraged to request/review their MAP history from the MAP repository prior to submitting their application. It cannot be stressed strongly enough that the applicant should try to ensure that there are no missing MAP evaluations from their record. Request MAP Overview reports from the following address: MSC_HR_MAP_INBOX@us.navy.mil.</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 MSC_POAInbox@us.navy.mil. Inquiry responses will be provided within 2 business days.</p>
How To Contact Us:	<p>Completed application packages will be accepted via Regular mail, FedEx, Email, Fax, and hand-delivered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail completed packages to: Military Sealift Command Attn: Marine Employment Division N11B2 Bldg SP-64, 471 East C Street Norfolk, VA 23511-2419 • Fax completed packages to the MSC Marine Employment Division at (757) 443-3094. • Email packages to: MSC_POAInbox@us.navy.mil.

	<p>(Subject line of email should contain the announcement number and position title.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand Deliver completed packages to the MSC Marine Employment Division, Bldg SP-312, 581 A Street, Norfolk, VA 23511
NOTE:	<p>FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR THIS POSITION WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR ELIGIBILITY.</p> <p>Federal job applicants who make a false statement in any part of the application could be turned down for the job; fired after beginning work; or subject to fine, imprisonment (U.S. Code, title 18, section 1001), or other disciplinary action.</p>
MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.	<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, ethnicity, other personal condition unrelated to the applicant's basic ability to perform satisfactory. Please visit https://civmar.sealiftcommand.com/eeo 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 MSC_POAInbox@us.navy.mil and/or refer to the "How to Apply" section of this announcement.</p>



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