

Job Description

Full Time, Permanent Contract

Location – Southampton

Competitive Salary + Benefits

ABP is the UK's leading port operator, with a unique network of 21 ports across England, Scotland and Wales. Our ports include Immingham, the UK's busiest port and Southampton, the UK's leading export port and number one for cars and cruise. The group's other activities include rail terminal operations (Hams Hall Rail Terminal), ship's agency, dredging (UK Dredging Ltd), and marine consultancy (ABPmer). Each port also offers a well-established community of port service providers.

In 2015 ABP and its customers handled 92 million tonnes of cargo. Together with our customers, we support 84,000 jobs and contribute £5.6 billion to the UK economy every year.

Southampton is the UK's number one vehicle handling port, Europe's leading turnaround cruise port and the UK's most productive container port. Operated by DP World Southampton, the terminal is home to the new 500m deepwater quay SCT5, which was purpose built to handle the biggest ships in the world.

A major dredging programme ensures that 15.5m draft vessels - the biggest currently afloat - can access the port on most days of the year.

The port is less than two miles from the M27 and has direct rail links to the main railway network for both freight and passenger trains. The Port of Southampton is served by Southampton International Airport, while Gatwick and Heathrow airports are within easy reach.

The Role:

The Marine function in Southampton is tasked with both the Safety of Navigation and Protection of the Marine Environment. They are looking for an MMO (Multi-Purpose Marine Operative) VTS Radar Operator (including Data Centre) to join their team with additional duties either as part of the Berthing Office team or alternatively manning the Ports Pilot /Patrol launches (depending on company requirements).

Please note that candidates must be willing to work a shift pattern as well as have flexibility with regards to duties and working hours. Along with the salary there is an expectation of an extra 192 hours paid at basic hourly rate

Accountabilities:

- To act principally as a VTS Operator (including Data Centre) with additional duties either as part of the Berthing Office team or alternatively (depending on company requirements) manning the Ports Pilot /Patrol launches.
- Surveillance and monitoring of vessels in the VTS area by RADAR, AIS, CCTV and VHF for the purpose of safe navigation and protection of the environment.
- To maintain a good understanding of the PUNG, LNTM, Bye Laws and the Pilotage Directions. To inform the VTSWM if such guidelines or directions are not followed.
- To keep the ports booking system PAVIS updated with relevant information. Using AOL the agent's online booking system and other sources of information.

Additional Accountabilities

- Attend all possible arrival and movements of ships in the docks, communicating all necessary information to Pilots and VTS.
- Ensure statutory regulations and port bye laws are complied with including safe access to ships.
- Assisting the coxswain in operating and maintaining the ports Pilot/Patrol launches as required.
- Assisting the Berthing team with fender moves and additional duties as directed by the harbour control manager.

Skills and Experience**Essential:**

- Maritime background or commercial port experience
- Clear, concise communicator with ability to liaise with personnel and outside bodies at all levels.
- Able to work as part of a team but also using own initiative to take command of situations effectively, efficiently and calmly.
- Demonstrate good decision making skills.
- Willingness to work a shift pattern. Also flexibility with regards to duties and working hours is essential

Ideal:

- V-103/1 vessel traffic services certification log.
- Standards of Training, Certification and watch keeping for Seafarers 95 officer of the watch deck certificate or Ministry of defence equivalent.
- Global maritime distress and safety system restricted operator certificate
- Good working Knowledge of the Central, Eastern Solent and Southampton Water

Additional Information:

When joining ABP you will find an environment that is both welcoming and challenging. We reward our employees well and offer a generous remuneration package, employer pension, private health insurance and a range of other benefits.

Please note that ABP undertake random screening for substance abuse and operate a zero tolerance policy. A medical will be required before starting this position also.

We are an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their background, which helps us to provide a diverse and inclusive working environment.