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Job Opportunity: Deckhand / Second Captain

Old Massett Village Council (OMVC) is seeking a dependable and experienced **Deckhand / Second Captain** to join our Emergency Services team on a **full-time basis**.

This position supports emergency response activities, community programming, and marine charter operations throughout the North End of Haida Gwaii. The successful candidate will possess strong vessel handling skills, extensive local marine knowledge, and a commitment to safety and professionalism on the water.

Position Details

- **Position:** Deckhand / Second Captain
- **Department:** Emergency Services
- **Status:** Full-Time
- **Wage:** $30.00 per hour
- **Location:** Old Massett, Haida Gwaii

About the Role

The Deckhand / Second Captain works alongside the Captain and Emergency Services staff to support safe vessel operations for emergency response, community programs, training activities, transportation services, and charter operations. This role may act as Captain when required and is responsible for ensuring vessel readiness, safety, and operational excellence.

Key Responsibilities

- Assist with the operation and navigation of Emergency Services vessels.
- Serve as Second Captain and assume command when authorized.
- Support marine emergency response operations and community safety initiatives.

- Participate in community programs, cultural excursions, educational outings, and authorized charter activities.
- Conduct vessel inspections and routine maintenance.
- Assist with fueling, loading, securing cargo, and passenger safety briefings.
- Maintain vessel logs and operational records.
- Ensure compliance with Transport Canada regulations and OMVC safety procedures.
- Support emergency preparedness exercises and training events.

Required Qualifications

Applicants must have:

- **Current Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP) Certificate**
- Demonstrated experience operating vessels in the **North End waters of Haida Gwaii**
- Strong knowledge of local waters, tides, currents, weather patterns, marine hazards, and landing sites
- Ability to safely operate vessels in varying sea and weather conditions
- Strong communication and teamwork skills
- Valid Class 5 Driver's Licence

Assets

The following qualifications will be considered strong assets:

- Marine Emergency Duties (MED) certification
- Radio Operator Certificate (ROC-M)
- Occupational First Aid certification
- Experience supporting charters, community transportation, tourism, fisheries, or marine response operations
- Search and rescue or emergency response experience
- Knowledge of Haida Gwaii's remote coastal areas and marine travel routes

Working Conditions

- Full-time position with occasional evening and weekend work.
- Work performed outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Emergency callouts may be required.
- Physical work involving lifting, loading, and vessel maintenance.

How to Apply

Please submit:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Copy of current SVOP Certification
- Copies of any additional marine certifications
- Summary of your vessel operating experience in the North End of Haida Gwaii

Applications should be submitted to:

Old Massett Village Council
Emergency Services Department
Email: emap@omvc.ca

Closing Date

Open until filled.

Preference will be given to candidates with proven vessel operating experience in the North End marine environment of Haida Gwaii and a strong commitment to marine safety, emergency response, and community service.