



LOCAL MOTION JOB DESCRIPTION

Bike Ferry Captain

The **Island Line Bike Ferry** is Vermont's only bike ferry service, one of the most scenic in the world, bringing cyclists and pedestrians across "The Cut", a 200-foot gap on the beautiful Colchester Causeway. With Burlington 10 miles to the south and South Hero 3 miles to the north, the Bike Ferry connects the Island Line for locals, tourists, and traveling cyclists. The Bike Ferry is a 45-foot pontoon boat designed to carry passengers and bikes.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Coast Guard Certified Captain is in command of the Bike Ferry and its crew and has overall responsibility during the daily shift. The 20-passenger Ferry operates from mid-May to mid-October. Full day shift is 9am to 7pm. Shift begins and ends at the service docks (see below).

RESPONSIBILITIES

Captain's duties include, but are not limited to:

- Overall command and safe operation of the 45-foot pontoon boat, ensuring safety of crew and passengers.
 - Pilot Bike Ferry from our service dock at Three Islands Sailing Club/Marble Island, Colchester to operating location at the Cut on the Colchester Causeway, 3+ miles.
 - Shuttle up to 20 passengers and bikes/related equipment, on demand, from one side of Cut to the other.
- Adherence to legal and company standards with special regard to USCG regulations.
- Maintenance of bike ferry pontoon boat in condition of safe operational readiness at all times.
 - Perform daily checks of fuel and oil levels, to include gas fill-up as necessary
 - Train and direct staff to maintain high standards of safe operation of the ferry and its systems.
 - Conduct regular safety drills in accordance with the station bill.
- Management of the daily ferry operation, including operational supervision of on-site staff.
 - Oversee and assist deckhand in safe loading, unloading and transport of ferry passengers, bicycles and related equipment.
 - Oversee collection of donations, including daily bank deposit.
 - Send passenger logs throughout the day and oversee reconciliation of passenger data at end of day.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid U.S. Coast Guard license, 25-ton Master or higher
- Competent small-boat handler, able to make many landings safely and efficiently
- Familiarity with navigation, weather monitoring, radio communications and other generally accepted commercial marine operating policies and procedures
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills
- Ability to interact positively and patiently with the public and Local Motion employees and volunteers
- Team-oriented, displaying a friendly, enthusiastic and helpful demeanor
- Ability to lift loaded bikes and trailers up to 70 lbs.
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Subject to pre-employment and random drug tests, as per U.S. Coast Guard regulations

- Knowledge of and experience with cycling, regional trails, and recreation opportunities in the Greater Burlington area desirable, not required
- Familiarity with performing basic maintenance desirable

Reports to: Director of Services

Hours: 9am-7pm, days to be determined.

Wage: \$17.50 per hour

TO APPLY:

Send cover letter, resume and three references to jobs@localmotion.org.

About Local Motion

Local Motion is Vermont's statewide advocate for active transportation, vibrant communities, and safe streets. Based in Burlington Vermont, we work at the local and state levels to support better roads and trails for biking and walking, teach bike skills training programs for children and adults, collaborate with government to improve on-road safety, and inspire and support local advocates across Vermont to become leaders for better biking and walking in their communities. We also rent bikes from our Trailside Center and operate the Island Line Bike Ferry connecting the Burlington area to the Champlain Islands.

We have a very active, but relaxed office, full of staff and volunteers who love what we do. We are a matrixed organization and value all staff members' opinions and ideas, meaning there is ample opportunity to work across teams and programs on a variety of initiatives, and to grow in the position. Join Local Motion and help us make biking and walking a way of life across Vermont!

Local Motion is an equal opportunity employer.