



## LOCAL MOTION JOB DESCRIPTION

### **Bike Ferry Deckhand**

---

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 Bike Ferry Deckhand works directly with the Captain and is responsible for safely loading and unloading passengers and bikes on the ferry. The Deckhand engages with the passengers, answering questions about the Island Line Trail and Local Motion, giving directions to area attractions, and generally providing friendly and helpful assistance to ferry passengers. 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). This is a part time position with scheduling flexibility.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting Captain in piloting 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
- Actively enforcing safety protocols, maintaining vessel compliance with cleaning protocols
- Safely loading and unloading of ferry passengers, bicycles, and related equipment
- Assuring vessel and docks are clean and remain orderly throughout the day and at end of shift
- Handling dock lines when arriving at and leaving dock
- Encouraging donations to support ferry operations
- Reconciling passenger data and donations
- Acting as point person for volunteer and dockside ambassador communication
- Participating in regular safety drills in accordance with the station bill

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Experience on and around boats
- Ability to stand and maintain balance on a moving deck
- Ability to lift loaded bikes and trailers up to 70 lbs
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- 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
- Pre-employment and random drug tests required for the position per U.S. Coast Guard regulations
- CPR certification required
- Knowledge of and experience with cycling, regional trails, and recreation opportunities in the Greater Burlington area desirable, not required
- Familiarity with performing basic bike repairs desirable

**Reports to:** Director of Services

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

**Wage:** \$14.00 per hour

**TO APPLY:**

Send cover letter, resume, and three references to [jobs@localmotion.org](mailto: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.*