



## **VESSEL OPERATOR**

Jurisdiction Class: Competitive  
Civil Division: County  
Adopted by PO 6/17/2021

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:**

The work mainly involves responsibility for patrolling the navigable waters, adjacent lands, and recreational access areas within but not limited to the geographical jurisdiction of Yates County. An incumbent is an unarmed civilian who operates Sheriff's patrol vehicles, boats and a variety of recreational classed vehicles and assists in the enforcement of New York State Navigation and related laws to insure the safe operation of vessels and recreational vehicles. Work is performed under general direction of a Marine Patrol Officer (NYS Peace Officer). Does related work as required and assigned.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)**

Operates Sheriff's Patrol vessels, motor vehicles, including towing equipment of vessels and PWC's;  
Responds to water related emergencies and incidents;  
Assists Marine Patrol Officers as directed for them to exercise their duties and the enforcement of NYS Navigation Laws;  
Assists in removal of debris in the water causing a hazard to vessel operations.  
Maintains records and reports as required.  
Operates safety equipment related to vessel operations.  
Performs other duties as assigned.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of NYS Navigation Laws and Safe Boating Operations;  
Good knowledge of harbors and waterways, shorelines and launching sites;  
Good knowledge and maintenance of various vessels and equipment and their safe operations;  
Ability to operate power boats, and other motorized recreational type vehicles;  
Ability to work cooperatively with other personnel;  
Ability to perform/assist in land or water searches, rescue or recovery diving operations;  
Ability to work with people in stressful situations;  
Tact, courtesy and understanding;  
Ability to prepare written material and operate computer and communication equipment;  
Ability to understand written and verbal English instructions;  
Ability to perform tasks in various weather conditions;  
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:**

- a) Possession of an appropriate NYS driver's license;
- b) Demonstrated ability to operate power boats and recreational vehicle related transportation and equipment;
- c) Ability to swim;
- d) Successful completion of a NYS Boater Safety Course.