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| Job Title | Vessel Skipper |
| Business Unit | Aspect Land & Hydrographic Surveys Ltd – Part of the SOCOTEC Group |
| Location | Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland |
| Reports to: | Hydrographic Survey Manager/Technical Manager |
| Purpose | To safely and efficiently operate commercial survey vessels in support of hydrographic and geophysical survey projects across inland, coastal, and nearshore waters in the UK, ensuring compliance with maritime regulations and company standards. |
| General  Responsibilities/Specific Duties: | * Skipper commercial survey vessels, including MCA Cat II & III survey boats, catamarans (8–22m), and 7m RIBs. * Operate vessels professionally, safely, and cost-effectively. * Conduct pre-departure checks, risk assessments, and maintain vessel logs. * Manage voyage planning, crew management, and vessel maintenance support. * Enforce maritime safety protocols and conduct safety drills. * Communicate effectively with crew, port authorities, shore-based personnel, and survey teams. * Assist with vessel mobilisation and towing operations as required |
| Objectives | * Ensure safe and compliant vessel operations on all survey projects. * Support accurate delivery of hydrographic and geophysical surveys through effective vessel management. * Maintain operational readiness and uphold company safety and quality standards. |
| Qualifications | Essential   * Relevant MCA/RYA/STCW commercial vessel skipper qualification. * Full UK driving licence. * Proven experience operating commercial vessels in inland/coastal waters.   Desirable   * Towing licence (B+E) for trailers up to 3,500kg. * Experience with hydrographic survey operations. * First Aid and Sea Survival certification. |
| Competencies | * Strong knowledge of marine safety regulations and operational procedures. * Basic mechanical skills and ability to troubleshoot vessel issues. * Proactive, confident, and safety-focused approach. * Ability to work collaboratively with technical survey teams. * Willingness to travel and stay away from home for site work. |
| Desirable | * Familiarity with hydrographic survey technology and methods. |
| Mandatory Training | * Online Health & Safety Training Modules – provided by the company * Online HR Policies Awareness Modules – provided by the company |