



## **VACANCY NOTICE**

Owner of US-Flag tuna purse seine vessel is seeking a qualified Master, Chief Engineer, and Chief Mate for tuna fishing in the South Pacific Ocean. Vessels operate out of American Samoa with trips typically 30-60 days in duration. Experience in purse seine operations is essential. Descriptions of vacancies are as follows:

### **Master**

A qualified Master must have a USCG approved license that meets the requirements for a class six purse seine vessel. The candidate must have extensive knowledge of a tuna purse seine operation and be capable of performing all of the functions of a Master. He must be capable of operating the hydraulic station and directing the deck crew during a purse seine set. He must be capable of maneuvering the vessel during a purse seine set to ensure that the net has successfully encircled the fish and the net is closed. The candidate must have experience in both the brailing of fish onboard a purse seine vessel and the proper stacking of a purse seine net.

The candidate must be a US licensed Master with a 1600-3000 gross tons for an uninspected fishing vessel upon oceans and have the following certificates: Basic Safety Training, CPR/First Aid, Fire Fighting, GMDSS, Drill Conductor, and be familiar with USCG Safety Exams, IOPP, IAPP, SOPEP, NTVRP, and eNOAD reporting. Issuance of a USCG Merchant Mariner Credential and current Medical Certificate is required.

### **Chief Engineer**

The Chief Engineer must have a USCG approved license that meets the requirements for a class six purse seine vessel. The candidate must have extensive knowledge of a purse seine operation and must be capable of maintaining the electrical, hydraulic and electronic systems onboard a 1000 m/ton capacity tuna vessel. Candidate must have a minimum of 3-5 years of experience in ammonia refrigeration systems and brine freezing of fish at sea. Experience is necessary in the unloading of large quantities of tuna onto cargo carriers, both at sea and in port. Candidate must be certified to maintain Daihatsu and Yanmar engines.

It is a requirement that a candidate sign a two-year contract to work onboard the vessel. The candidate will be allowed to take one trip off per year. The vessel will operate in the central and western Pacific Ocean. Issuance of a USCG Merchant Mariner Credential is required along with a current, accredited CPR/First Aid certification.

### **Chief Mate**

It is a requirement that a Chief Mate sign a two-year contract to work onboard the vessel. The Chief Mate must have a USCG approved license that meets the requirements for a class six purse sieve vessel. The candidate must be a US licensed mate 1600-3000 gross tons for uninspected fishing vessels upon oceans. The candidate must have the following certificates: STCW 95 Reg. 11/2, CPR/First Aid, Fire Fighting, GMDSS operator and be familiar with USCG Safety Exams, IOPP, IAPP, SOPEP, NTVRP, and eNOAD reporting. The Chief Mate must know how to operate the hydraulic system, including all booms and hydraulic winches.

All candidates must hold a valid US passport. Experience in similar fisheries will be considered.

Qualified candidates should contact: Mr. Robert Virissimo, Vice President of Vessel Operations  
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