

JOB DESCRIPTION: FREELANCE USV OPERATORS/MASTERS

The Uncrewed Surface Vessel (USV) Master has complete and full responsibility over the USV from its on-board control position. Normally, SEA-KIT USVs are remotely controlled with all navigational decisions made from a Remote Operations Centre (ROC). However, during new vessel testing and sea-trials, there is always a qualified master and crew onboard who are responsible for the safe navigation of the vessel.

Although not always in control (but with the ability to take control instantly as required), the master filling this role will be required to keep a constant lookout and monitor all situational awareness systems, making navigational decisions if required.

Among the Master's other responsibilities will be:

- Preparing the vessel for sea, including daily completion of pre-departure checklist.
- Ensuring compliance with relevant rules and regulations and ensuring that all required life-saving appliances (LSA) are always onboard.
- Ensuring adherence to the company's standard operating procedures.
- Management of communications with local water authorities and other vessels.
- Daily progress reporting to line manager.
- Supporting the testing and commissioning processes.
- Assisting with technical work and managing the vessel's maintenance schedule

The same sea-going experience and qualifications that would be needed for an equivalent manned vessel are required, in this case a Master200 and STCW95 qualifications.

Strong mechanical skills are also essential for this onsite position based in Ipswich, Suffolk. Ideal candidates will have a genuine interest in IT, uncrewed maritime systems and future technology and be willing to travel as required.

Although this role is initially temporary, there are many exciting permanent opportunities for the right candidate.

All applications should be sent to Ashley Skett by email: a.skett@sea-kit.com.