

**DEPARTMENT:** NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF  
**CLASSIFICATION:** COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** APRIL 28, 2022

**MARINE PATROL OFFICER**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This position is filled seasonally and involves responsibility for the protection of lives, and property, and the enforcement of the navigation, boating laws, and ordinances within the County. On the assigned shift an incumbent performs routine patrol operations on the waterways of Niagara County, in accordance with standard departmental operating procedures, and makes arrests and assists in investigating boating accidents and related investigations. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-ranking officer who gives specific instructions and assistance when special problems arise. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Patrols waterways of Niagara County, which include international waters, Lake Ontario, Erie Canal, and Niagara River, etc.;
2. Enforces navigation and boating laws;
3. Investigates boating accidents;
4. Makes arrests when necessary, including Boating While Intoxicated, BWI;
5. Files incident reports with the Sheriff's Office;
6. Assists in rescue operations of disabled boats and stranded boaters;
7. Conducts boat inspections and educates public on boating safety, including speaking to groups;
8. Assists Coast Guard and Customs Officers with enforcing Federal Statutes;
9. Patrols for illegal aliens entering the country;
10. Assures that patrol craft is seaworthy and operational.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** Good knowledge of modern principles, practices and techniques of law enforcement; good knowledge of applicable navigation and boating laws; Good knowledge of local waterways; good knowledge of the operation of marine radio equipment; skilled in the use of firearms; skilled in the use of special equipment including radar and breathalyzers; skilled in the operation of patrol vessels ranging in size over 20 feet; ability to navigate using electronic means while aboard a vessel; ability to apply first aid; ability to deal firmly yet courteously with the public; ability to follow and communicate written and oral directions; ability to prepare written reports using nautical terminology; good powers of observation; sound judgement; tact; physical condition and stamina to withstand a minimum of eight(8) hours of underway time in a patrol boat during adverse weather and sea state; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma, **and** three (3) years of seamanship experience that facilitates successful completion of a check ride on patrol vessels ranging in size over 20 feet. Seamanship experience does not need to be professional or paid.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:**

1. Possession of a valid First Aid certification.
2. Must be a registered Peace Officer or Police Officer.
3. Possession of valid New York State driver's license.
4. Candidates must pass a background check for appointment at the Sheriff's Office.