

FIRE SAFETY ONBOARD FOR SAFE SAILING ON THE OPEN SEA

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FIRE SAFETY ONBOARD – MINIMISING RISKS AT SEA

Fire safety is a critical concern for life at sea. To mitigate risks and ensure passenger and crew safety, we consistently focus on fire prevention and safety measures.

Onboard our vessels, we maintain a well-trained crew. And while their regular duties may include serving food, steering the vessel, cleaning common areas, or overseeing the weather forecasts, their priorities switch in the case of an emergency.

Although fires onboard are rare, they remain one of the most common potential emergencies and knowing the major risks is an important part of the safety training our crew do while also learning how to assist our passengers during such incidents.

Josef Stöök, one of our able seafarers on Stena Vinga explains the teamwork for him and his colleagues.

“To optimise our work, we organise into specialised groups, each contributing to the fire response process - from detecting the fire to extinguishing it. In our team we have fire fighters as well as smoke divers. As a trained fire fighter, my responsibility onboard is to prepare for fire intervention, ensuring my colleagues have the tools needed to limit or extinguish the fire”.

TEAMWORK ACROSS THE VESSEL

In another part of the vessel, our service hosts play a crucial role in guiding passengers to safety. Coordinating with instructions from the bridge, the teams will search through each level of the vessel, leading passengers toward safe zones or lifeboats in the event of an evacuation.

“If we need to evacuate, we ensure that everyone has a life vest and is directed towards the lifeboats. This is our main task, but we will also work to maintain a calm atmosphere and communicate clearly to avoid any confusion or additional stress for our passengers”, says **Paula Rolof, onboard sales and services assistant** at Stena Vinga.

On the deck, our able seafarers, trained in life-saving appliances (LSA) will stand ready to fill the lifeboats with passengers. Organised into groups of three, A, B and C, our crew handles various responsibilities, including loading passengers onto the lifeboat, counting all loaded passengers, and steering the lifeboat to safety.

Through structured procedures, we proactively address any fire-related emergencies during all our sailings minimising severe damage and ensuring passenger safety. Keeping ‘crew only’ areas free from passengers, patrolling the vessel during sailing, and monitoring areas that are closed during sailing are a few ways we keep an eye on any potential risks.

ABOUT ABLE SEAFARER

As able seafarer, you are assisting in the safe and efficient completion of many different tasks, including planned maintenance jobs, operational duties, mooring and unmooring, overseeing loading and unloading of vehicles, marshalling traffic and general maintenance of the vessel to keep her fresh, clean and ready for another sailing.

ABOUT ONBOARD SALES AND SERVICE ASSISTANT

This is a position focusing on creating a welcoming, caring and reliable experience for all our travellers. Some of the key responsibilities include keeping cabins in excellent condition, providing a friendly service in our onboard restaurants and ensuring our shops are clean, tidy and well-stocked.

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