



## **VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES OFFICER (VTSO) Harbour Office – Middlesbrough**

### **The Company**

As one of the United Kingdom's major deep-water harbours, the ports of Tees and Hartlepool have approximately 4,000 vessel visits annually. An important factor in its continuing success is the safe and efficient management of our waterway.

The Statutory Harbour Authority functions are partially discharged through the VTS Centre, which has particular responsibility for the continuous control of marine activities, including the planning and monitoring of vessels through the VTS system.

### **The Role**

Based in Tees VTS located in Middlesbrough, the VTSO will assist the Duty Assistant Harbour Master (AHM) in managing vessel arrivals and departures within the VTS area of responsibility.

As a VTSO you will deal with shipping agents, berth operators general public, and emergency services as well as communicating extensively with senior management, port services and other internal departments.

It is essential that you have the ability to operate and interpret state of the art VTS system, including RADAR, AIS, CCTV and communications systems. You will have the aptitude to make and communicate authoritative operational traffic management decisions in both routine and non-routine circumstances to ensure the safety and efficiency of navigation within the VTS area of responsibility.

The VTSO will also support the AHM in ensuring the river is managed in line with Acts of Parliament, Port Authority Bye-Laws/General Directions and marine codes of practice.

Tees VTS provides a 24 hour service on a 12 hour shift basis.

### **The Candidate**

The ideal candidate will require excellent administration, general IT and communication skills, be able work accurately under pressure and work effectively as part of a small team.

You will need to be self – motivated with a commitment to delivering exceptional customer service. Holders of marine qualifications such as a V-103/1 or UK recognised Certificate of Competency as a Deck Officer would be advantageous but not essential.

Those who have served at sea as a senior rating in the Royal Navy and have worked in a communications command and control role would also be considered.

Applications should be made in writing, together with a CV, and availability for interview, and addressed to:

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