

## Sailors and Marine Oilers

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**Description:** Stand watch to look for obstructions in path of vessel, measure water depth, turn wheel on bridge, or use emergency equipment as directed by captain, mate, or pilot.

### Other Resources:

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**Sample of Reported Job Titles:** Able Bodied Seaman (AB Seaman), Able Bodied Watchman (AB Watchman)

### Job Zone

**Title:** 2 - Some Preparation Needed

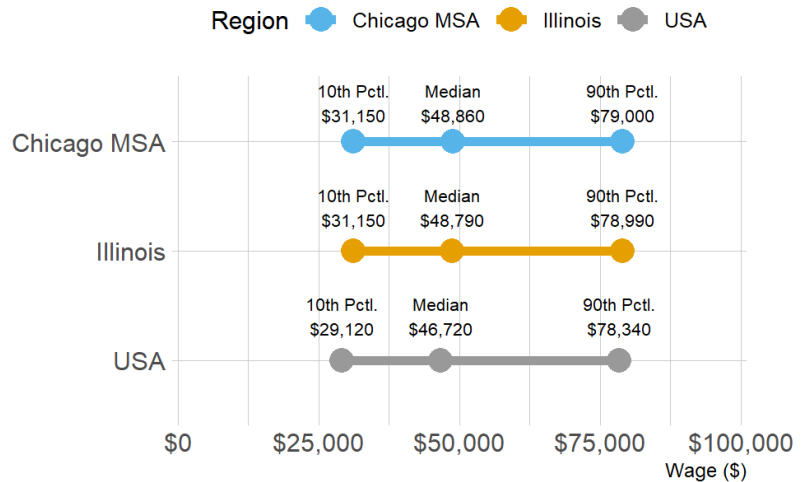
**Education:** Usually require a high school diploma.

**Experience:** Some previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed.

**Training:** A few months to one year of working with experienced employees needed. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

**Hot Technologies:** Microsoft Office Suite

Region	Employment	Location Quotient	Median Wage
Chicago MSA	280	0.34	\$48,860
Illinois	520	0.49	\$48,790
USA	26,610	—	\$46,720



### Top 5 Core Tasks According to Current Job Holders

**Importance**  
**Frequency (out of 100)**

Tie barges together into tow units for tugboats to handle, inspecting barges periodically during voyages and disconnecting them when destinations are reached.

Several times daily

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Handle lines to moor vessels to wharfs, to tie up vessels to other vessels, or to rig towing lines.

Daily

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Attach hoses and operate pumps to transfer substances to and from liquid cargo tanks.

More than weekly

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Stand watch in ships' bows or bridge wings to look for obstructions in a ship's path or to locate navigational aids, such as buoys or lighthouses.

Daily

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Read pressure and temperature gauges or displays and record data in engineering logs.

Daily

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