Title	Assist with berthing and letting go, and describe anchoring a vessel		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	This unit is intended for persons working at an entry level in the industry or persons wishing to enter the industry at an entry level.
	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe processes for berthing and letting go a vessel; carry out the duties of a deckhand while berthing and letting go a vessel; and describe the processes for anchoring and weighing an anchor.

Classification	Maritime > Navigation and Seamanship	
Available grade	Achieved	

Guidance Information

Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes:
Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
Maritime Transport Act 1994 and subsequent amendments.
Local bylaws as applicable.

2 References

Maritime Rules and advisory circulars. Available at http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz.

3 Definitions

Accepted industry practice refers to standardised practices and procedures accepted by the wider maritime industry as examples of best practice.

MTOP stands for Maritime Transport Operator Plan which refers to the documented operational plan required for all commercial vessels as a part of the Maritime Operator Safety System (MOSS), the operator certification system established under Part 19 of the Maritime Rules and administered by Maritime New Zealand. *Operating procedures* refers to the Safe Operating Procedures documented in the vessel's Marine Transport Operator Plan as well as any undocumented standard operating procedures for that vessel.

Vessel refers to any form of commercial or military watercraft and is sometimes used in maritime circles interchangeably with the word ship.

4 Assessment information

All activities and evidence must be in accordance with accepted industry practice, and vessel operating procedures.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe processes for berthing and letting go a vessel.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The chain of command, and the role of the deckhand in the berthing and letting go processes are described.
- 1.2 The meanings of nautical terms, and the use of the equipment and processes they refer to when berthing and letting go are described.

Range may include but is not limited to – mooring buoy, bollard, bitts,

cleat, capstan, surge drum, heaving line, samson post, doubling

up, bow and stern lines, springline, breastline, fender.

1.3 The meaning of hand signals used for berthing and letting go are described.

Range stop, making fast, winching signals.

1.4 The principles of safe line handling are described.

Range protective equipment and clothing, hazardous areas, safe practice

when surging, making fast.

Outcome 2

Carry out the duties of a deckhand while berthing and letting go a vessel.

Performance criteria

2.1 Mooring lines and equipment are used to secure a vessel at berth or a mooring.

Range may include but is not limited to – working with mooring buoys,

bollards, bitts, cleats, capstans, surge drums, heaving lines,

fenders:

includes - doubling up procedures, bow and stern lines,

springlines, breastlines.

2.2 A vessel is let go from a berth or mooring.

Range may include but is not limited to – working with mooring buoys,

bollards, bitts, cleats, capstans, surge drums, heaving lines,

fenders:

includes – singling up procedures, bow and stern lines, springs,

breastlines.

2.3 Lines are stowed.

Outcome 3

Describe the processes for anchoring and weighing an anchor.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The preparation of anchor, chains, warp and work area are described.
- 3.2 The setting of the anchor and safe usage of all associated equipment and machinery are described.
- 3.3 The retrieval of the anchor and safe usage of all associated equipment and machinery are described.

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Comments on this unit standard

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