

## Vessel of Opportunity Program Frequently Asked Questions

### Activation

- I. How do I get into the Vessel of Opportunity Program?
  1. Attend the Vessel of Opportunity Introduction Class
  2. Certify the vessel is safe
    - a. Self certify the vessel is safe (no matter size of vessel)
  3. Sign and Submit the contract
  
- II. What does it mean when I get activated (placed on-hire)?
  1. You're being paid for the vessel at the rate according to your vessel length
  2. Crew paid at one 8-hour period per day
  3. If you miss the call or cannot activate at that time
    - a. You stay in the pool to be called later
  
- III. If I have more than one vessel, how many are activated when I get called?
  1. They will tell you at the time of the activation
  2. Ask at the time of activation
  
- IV. What happens after I've been activated?
  1. You will be told where to go for the training
  1. Sent to a safety course (with pay at the daily rate for 8 hours)
    - i. 4-hour minimum training
    - ii. 40-hour HAZWOPER (required only for one member of the crew if working in or around the oil)
    - iii. The procedure for submitting the paperwork to get paid will be explained
      1. Owner is required to pay the crew, but BP provides the funds
  
- V. I have 2 crew who have not attended the "Induction Course". Do they need to attend the course too?
  1. Yes. No crew member will be allowed to participate if he/she has not attended the Induction Class.
  
- VI. What if I am called to be activated, but don't hear from BP for more than 48 hours, what should I do?
  1. You should call 251-445-3000 if you have not been told where to report after 48 hours have passed since being placed on-hire.
  
- VII. Why are some people in my group paid while others are not, even though both of us submitted their contracts on the same day?
  1. The reason you cannot be paid is because you have not been 'activated' (on hire). You will be paid only after you receive the "Activation Call" from BP. Who gets activated depends on operational needs.
  
- VIII. When will I be told what operation I will be a part of?
  1. You will be told as tasks are sent in from the Operations Section

- IX. While on-hire but waiting for deployment to do work, do I need to put 8 hours days for deckhands or 12 hours days when submitting invoices?
1. If the vessel contract is active but the vessel is not actively participating in the clean-up and instead is waiting for deployment, the crew will be paid \$200.00/8 hour day/crew member.
- X. I have written "3 Boats" in my contract. I had been told "You are on hire, please attend the Hazmat Class tomorrow", and have not heard from BP since. Do I get paid a daily rate for all 3 boats, or just one?
1. You will be paid for the number of vessels you were told are being activated. If in doubt, ask before the call is ended.
- XI. How do I get my log #, Job # and Cost Code, to submit the invoice once activated?
1. Vessel Owner will only need the contract M.O.B. number, which is given to them when called to be placed on hire, and the Log # given to them by the Staging Area Manager upon arrival at the staging area. The Job # and Cost Code are not required to submit the invoice.

## Deployment

- I. When does my time start and end?
1. It starts when you arrive at the staging area
  2. It ends when you depart the staging area for home
  3. The Vessel Owner will be paid the day rate for the vessel according to the vessel length as long as the vessel is on hire, regardless if the vessel is not deployed or is deployed for 24 hours a day.
  4. If vessel is deployed overnight and doing nighttime operations requiring two sets of crew, each crew will be paid for 12 hours.
  5. If vessel is deployed overnight but is not doing nighttime operations and is anchored or tied up to a larger vessel, then crew will be paid 12 hours for that day.
  6. At all times in answer 4 and 5 above Vessel Owner will be paid the full day rate for his vessel.
- II. Does the owner have to captain the vessel?
1. No, he only needs to provide the crew with a Captain
  2. Crew requirements include the Captain-
    - i. Greater the 41 feet in length-- Captain plus 2 hands
    - ii. Less then 41 feet in length -- Captain plus 1 hand
- III. Do I have to arrive fueled and with provisions?
1. Yes, and refueling after that will be arranged by the Staging Area Manager

IV. How many days will I be deployed for?

1. The length of your deployment will be determined by operational needs.

V. Can the deckhands work anywhere else while activated with the vessel owner?

1. No. Article 6 Manning Requirements section A states, "VESSEL OWNER shall at all times man the vessel with a sufficient number of competent and properly licensed crew and/or deckhands trained and experienced in the operation of the VESSEL in the waters in which the VESSEL is to operate under this Charter. However, if the deckhands have replacements that have completed the required BP training, then there would be no problem with them working else where.

VI. Can you work with 2 crew members instead of 3 with a 43 ft. boat and if so how do you get approval?

1. No. BP has designated the required manning stated in Article 6- Manning Requirements section A. If a vessel is under 41 feet in length the crew will consist of two members (captain and one crew). If the vessel is 41 feet or greater, the crew will consist of the (captain and two crew).

VII. Can back-up deckhands work other jobs while not on payroll?

1. Yes

VII. When will my vessel be cleaned?

1. Your vessel will be cleaned daily of gross contamination
2. The vessel will have to be left at the staging area daily
3. At the conclusion of the deployment, vessel will be decontaminated completely

Demobilization

I. How will I be demobilized (placed off-hire)?

1. That will be coordinated by the staging area

II. If I work at least 8- hours but less the 16- hours what is my salary going to be?

1. You will be paid on a prorated basis. For example, a 12-hour day will be paid at 1.5 times the daily rate.

III. If my vessel breaks down how do I get it repaired?

1. If the breakdown is due to the work, BP will arrange or pay for the repairs

IV. What if I have to leave all of a sudden?

1. If the vessel is contaminated it will have to be left at the staging area and picked up at a later time.
2. At that point you will be deactivated, and cease to be paid, but your contract will still be valid for future activation.