TANKERMAN

Within six months, you can advance to Tankerman. This is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed position that qualifies and authorizes you to load and unload barges. Kirby pays you to attend this in-house USCG certified training program and covers all training costs. After sufficient experience as a Tankerman, you can advance to:

STEERSMAN

Steersman will participate in an apprentice-mate training program designed to train Kirby’s premier pilots. Although the training is challenging, Kirby provides the resources required to accomplish your goals. Classroom and hands-on training prepare you for your next step:

PILOT

As a Mate (Pilot) of a Towing Vessel, you are certified to navigate a towing vessel throughout inland and western river routes. As a Pilot, you also become eligible for Kirby’s annual incentive bonus, further adding to your benefits and daily pay rate. With sufficient experience as a Pilot and increasing skill level, you can advance to:

RELIEF CAPTAIN

As a Relief Captain, your pay and responsibilities increase even further. You are now in charge of the tow and its crew when the captain is not aboard (rotating schedule). A larger bonus percentage is paid and more “managerial” responsibilities are expected. This prepares you for another step on the Kirby advancement ladder:

Captain

As a Captain, you are the crew leader aboard one of Kirby’s 200+ towing vessels. High expectations for safe performance, sound management and customer satisfaction are rewarded with even higher pay and bonuses.

Deckhand

Deckhand is an entry level position on the vessels. No work experience is required, only a good work ethic and the willingness to learn. Kirby’s in-house training center provides you the knowledge and skills needed while paying your salary. From Deckhand, you advance to:

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS CHALLENGE?

Kirby is committed to helping you develop your skills to achieve your individual potential.