EXPERIENCE COMPANION · AGES 10–15

Captain the Chi-Cheemaun

Name _____

Date _____

You're the captain of the MV Chi-Cheemaun, the ferry from Tobermory to South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island. The crew and the radio ask you what to do. Write down what you learn.

Open it: inthelakes.ca/#mission=ferry · About 40–60 minutes

1 At the dock

Tick each job when it's done in the mission:

- ☐ Check the marine weather forecast
- ☐ Test the engines, steering, bow thruster and radios
- ☐ Load the heavy trucks
- ☐ Send passengers up from the car deck
- ☐ Count the passengers
- ☐ Shut and check both doors
- ☐ Give the safety announcement
- ☐ Make the Sécurité call on channel 16

Why do heavy trucks go down the middle of the car deck, spread from front to back?

Why does the crew always check that the doors are shut and locked before sailing?

Why does the count of passengers matter so much?

2 Leaving harbour

Draw the diver-down flag.

What does it mean, and what should a ship do?

Why does the ferry go slowly in the harbour?

❸ The crossing

The rules of the road: what does the captain do?

Situation	What the captain does, and why
A sailboat crosses from your starboard (right) side	
You turn to starboard	
Fog: you can hardly see the bow	

Sketch the route. Mark Tobermory, Cove Island Light, the open water, and South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island.

❹ Arriving

Why does a big ship slow down long before the dock?

What does the bow thruster do?

My score: _____ questions right the first time. Times I touched bottom: _____

❺ In your own words

Which job on the ferry would you most like to do, and why? What would you need to learn for it?