



SHIP CAPTAIN

SoundWaters, a nonprofit education organization based in Stamford, Connecticut, is accepting applications for Captain of the 80' Schooner SoundWaters for the 2017 sailing season.

SoundWaters' mission is to Protect Long Island Sound through Education and Action. Founded in 1989, each year we provide outstanding education opportunities to more than 32,000 young people and adults from a variety of backgrounds. Our programs focus on science education with an emphasis on the marine environment and conservation of the Long Island Sound.

The Schooner SoundWaters is the flagship of the organization and serves more than 6,000 student and adult passengers annually. She is a steel-hulled, three-masted, gaff-rigged schooner launched in 1986 and certified to carry up to 42 passengers. SoundWaters sails from her homeport in Stamford Harbor and visits numerous other ports in Connecticut and New York as she carries out her mission. Shipboard programs focus on marine science and include plankton collection, water quality, human impact, and a trawl net. In addition, SoundWaters delivers leadership training programs, private charters and public sails.

The Captain is a year-round, full-time position.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Critical member of SoundWaters leadership team that supports organizational mission and vision.
- Lead, by direction and example, all aspects of the Schooner SoundWaters, including shipboard education programs, personnel management, vessel maintenance, and regulation compliance.
- Establish and maintain constructive, supportive relationship with crew that promotes open communication and feedback and provides crew with professional and personal growth and development opportunities.
- Ensure safe operation of vessel at all times. Oversee daily operation of *SoundWaters* in strict compliance with company policies and federal and state regulations.
- Work in collaboration with Vice President of Education and Lead Educator/Mate to design curriculum and implement training to ensure crew delivers excellent education programs and customer service during all operations.
- Maintain vessel to the highest industry standards. Plan and implement maintenance projects. Engage all organizational resources including crew and volunteers.
- Plan and adhere to annual operations and maintenance budget. Plan for annual and capital maintenance items.
- Train and maintain consistent relationship with Relief Captains.
- Work closely and collaboratively with the Director of Administration to plan use of and schedule vessel to maximize mission-related programs and revenue.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Excellent judgement, seamanship and boat handling skills. Previous command time highly preferable.
- Unwavering commitment to the safety of passengers, crew and vessel.
- Exceptional ability to train, manage and develop crew.

- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to relate well to passengers of all ages and backgrounds.
- Passion for education and SoundWaters' mission.
- Excellent customer service skills.
- Minimum U.S. Merchant Marine 50-ton Inland Master's license with Auxiliary Sail Endorsement.

Salary is commensurate with experience.

Please send cover letter and resume to: Capt. Michael Bagley, mbagley@soundwaters.org

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