



## **Marine Science Educator Aboard 80' Schooner SoundWaters**

SoundWaters, a nonprofit education organization based in Stamford, CT, is accepting applications for Deckhand aboard the 80' Schooner SoundWaters for the 2022 sailing season.

Founded in 1989, SoundWaters works towards a sustainable environment where people share a passion for Long Island Sound, students succeed and our community thrives. We enrich our community and protect our environment through teaching, training, sailing and study on Long Island Sound. Annually SoundWaters offers marine science programs for over 30,000 students, aboard our Schooner, at our Coastal Education Center and on and along the coast. We provide high level study opportunities, aboard our RV and in our labs, to give local high school students a path towards college success. We provide stewardship programs where the local environment is a springboard for personal growth and, finally, we offer a range of public programs and experiences to develop sustainable practices and engage the wider community in our region's greatest natural resource: Long Island Sound.

Schooner SoundWaters offers STEM programs designed for schools and community organizations, as well as the opportunity for the general public to sail on and learn about the Long Island Sound. Deckhands are responsible for preparing the vessel for sailing; monitoring passenger safety; executing the direction of the captain while tending docklines and sail handling; guest relations; sharing information about the Long Island Sound; and general vessel maintenance. The Deckhand provides a high level of customer service to all passengers at all times. All crew live aboard.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

- Preparing the schooner for public sails and educational programs.
- Assisting with the disembarking, sailing, mooring, anchoring and docking of the schooner.
- Knowing and following all policies and procedures, and especially emergency protocols.
- Providing an outstanding, fun, educational experience to all guests.
- Assisting with various maintenance projects throughout the season and maintaining education equipment.
- Sharing in daily chores. (i.e. cleaning and custodial tasks of the vessel)
- Maintain and adhere to a safe and drug-free environment.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be over 21 years of age.
- Must be authorized to work in the United States.
- Must be reliable and trustworthy.
- Must be comfortable working in a variety of outdoor weather conditions.
- Must be a positive shipmate and capable of living in close quarters with little personal space.
- Must enjoy working with people and be able to effectively interact with the passengers and fellow crew.
- Must possess strong verbal communication skills and lots of ENTHUSIASM!
- Must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at time of employment.
- Must be capable of passing a pre-employment drug screening and be willing to be subject to random and post-incident drug screenings for the duration of their employment.

START DATE: March 21, 2022

END DATE: November 18, 2022

COMPENSATION: \$300 per week, plus room and board aboard the schooner SoundWaters.

Please send cover letter and resume sent to: Capt. Virgilio Gonzalez at [vgonzalez@soundwaters.org](mailto:vgonzalez@soundwaters.org).



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