



Position Available
2017 BOAT CAPTAIN
Seasonal - Summer

Background

The Buzzards Bay Coalition Inc. is a private, non-profit membership organization founded in 1987 and dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its 432 square mile watershed. The organization works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research and advocacy. We are supported by over 8,500 members in southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod and beyond. The Bay Coalition has its headquarters in the 'Buzzards Bay Center' in New Bedford's Waterfront Historic District and a seasonal office in Woods Hole, MA.

Position Summary

The Boat Captain supports the organization's objectives of understanding the Buzzards Bay ecosystem and its response to human-related impacts in order to guide restoration and protection. This part-time position reports to the Science Director and works closely with the Assistant Captain and Director of Monitoring Programs. The Boat Captain's schedule will be approximately 15-25 hours/week in the early mornings over 3-4 days per week (including some weekend days) from May through September.

Position Description

The Boat Captain is responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of the 27-foot R/V Buzzards Baykeeper. The R/V Buzzards Baykeeper is used as a platform to take water quality samples around the Bay and to provide support for Buzzards Bay Coalition outreach programs. Boat Captain duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- The safe operation of the vessel as well as the safety of passengers and volunteers on board.
- Basic vessel maintenance and cleaning.
- Collection of water samples in accordance with the schedule and protocols set by the Coalition's Director of Monitoring Programs.
- Deployment, retrieval, and regular maintenance of the Coalition's center Bay monitoring buoy under the direction of the Director of Monitoring Programs.
- Assist with the coordination of, and provide on-the-water support for, The

Coalition's annual event, Swim Buzzards Bay, June 24, 2017.

- Coordination and communication with volunteers.

Qualifications

- Demonstrated boat handling, seamanship, and basic vessel maintenance experience, CoastGuard OUPV ("six-pack") license with a 50 ton license preferred.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience operating a similar size and type of vessel.
- Minimum of 2 years of experience operating in coastal waters in the northeast, familiarity with Buzzards Bay a plus.
- Navigational skills must include the ability to navigate by: Raymarine or similar GPS system, radar, as well as dead reckoning and charts.
- Ability to work independently and solve problems as they arise.
- Good communications skills – polite and courteous with volunteers and boat owners.

Schedule and Compensation

The Boat Captain's schedule will be approximately 15 - 25 hours/week in the early mornings over 3 - 4 days per week (including some weekend days) from mid-May through mid-September. This part-time, non-exempt, at-will position is compensated at \$19.00/hr.

To Apply

Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume including reference contact information to: Rachel Jakuba, Science Director at Jakuba@savebuzzardsbay.org. This position was posted on March 27, 2017 and will remain open until filled.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is an Equal Opportunity Employer.