



## Position Available

### 2020 R/V Buzzards Baykeeper Volunteer Mate

#### **Background**

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is a non profit environmental advocacy organization focused on the protection, restoration and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. We pursue our mission to save Buzzards Bay through research, conservation, education, and advocacy.

The Coalition's 27' R/V Buzzards Baykeeper, docked in Fairhaven, MA, is used as a platform to take water quality samples around the Bay. These functions support the organization's objectives of using good information on the Buzzards Bay ecosystem and its response to human-related impacts in order to guide restoration and protection efforts.

#### **Position**

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is seeking energetic and enthusiastic volunteer crew to support its on-water operations for summer 2020. The Volunteer Mates will assist the Captain of the R/V Buzzards Baykeeper with monitoring activities in Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound, including the collection of water samples and the deployment and retrieval of the Coalition's monitoring buoy. The Volunteer Mates will be trained to use water monitoring equipment by the Coalition's Director of Monitoring Programs. The Volunteer Mates will be responsible for operating water quality monitoring equipment and for the accurate recording and reporting of water quality monitoring data. The Volunteer Mates must be capable of working under physical conditions in the field and comfortable working on small vessels. Because the work is weather dependent, the Volunteer Mates needs to be flexible and adaptable.

#### **Qualifications**

Basic swimming skills and familiarity around boats. Interest in the environment and water quality protection. Skilled at working both independently and as part of a team. Availability in the early mornings (~6 - 9am). Commitment to volunteer 10-15 hours a week.

#### **Compensation**

This position is unpaid; however, we will work with the Volunteer Mates to obtain school credit if available and can certify the number of hours spent at sea for use towards a captain's license.

#### **To Apply**

To apply, email a resume including contact information for three references and a cover letter explaining why you would like to volunteer with the Buzzards Bay Coalition, to: Rachel Jakuba, Science Director, at [jakuba@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:jakuba@savebuzzardsbay.org)