



Position Available

Activity Station Instructor

Temporary, Part-Time

Background:

The **Buzzards Bay Coalition** is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the protection, restoration, and sustainable use and enjoyment of Buzzards Bay and its watershed. The organization works to improve the health of the Bay ecosystem for all through education, conservation, research and advocacy.

On the **Buzzards Bay Sailing Adventure on the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey** program, New Bedford sixth grade students take part in day-sailing field trips that weave together maritime skills, history, science, and storytelling aboard the iconic historic tall ship.

Schedule: Monday through Friday; May 4 to May 29, 2026; 8:30am to 1:30pm, plus paid training.

Location: New Bedford, MA

Position Description:

The Buzzards Bay Coalition is seeking enthusiastic instructors to lead hands-on activity stations for students aboard the sailing ship. Instructors will engage students in interactive experiences exploring maritime history, ocean science, and the stories of the Ernestina-Morrissey. The position reports to the Outdoor Learning Manager.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Facilitate one or more 20-minute experiential activity stations for five rotations of approximately ten students each, according to the provided activity plan. Station topics include:
 - Water Quality: Guide students through hands-on water quality testing and explore plankton samples collected directly from Buzzards Bay
 - Life Aboard – Cape Verde to America: Share stories about the Ernestina-Morrissey's transatlantic voyages through music and cultural artifacts
 - The Many Lives of Ernestina: Lead interactive experiences about the ship's transformations over time, including chapters as a fishing vessel and Arctic explorer.

- Set up, clean up, and manage materials for the stations you are responsible for
- Assist with student transitions and support Ernestina-Morrissey crew as needed
- Communicate expectations and ensure safety onboard the vessel
- Adapt activities to respond to the in-the-moment needs of the schedule and student groups

Qualifications:

- Minimum age of 18 and a high school graduate
- Passion for working with and inspire middle schoolers
- Adaptable, energetic, and comfortable leading groups and thinking on your feet
- Comfort leading activities on a moving sailing vessel in variable weather conditions

Preferred Qualifications:

- Group facilitation experience working in experiential or informal education settings, especially with upper elementary or middle school students
- Background or content knowledge in environmental or marine science, maritime history, outdoor education, or related fields

Compensation:

This is a temporary, at-will position, averaging approximately 25 hours per week for approximately 4 weeks in May. Additional hours for paid training, with specific start and end dates to be determined during the application process. Hourly rate is **\$17-\$22**, commensurate with experience and qualifications. This position does not include employee benefits.

Equal Opportunity Employer:

Buzzards Bay Coalition is proud to be an Equal Opportunity employer. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply and will be considered without regard to race, national origin, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, or veteran status.

To Apply:

Email your resume and a statement of interest to Carly Baumann, Outdoor Learning Manager, at baumann@savebuzzardsbay.org

