



JOB DESCRIPTION: Mate/ Nautical Educator

The Mate/ Nautical Educator directly supports the Captain and works with the Captain and Deckhand/ Nautical Educator to ensure a safe environment aboard the vessel. Mate/Nautical Educator work together to deliver nautical science lessons underway. Salish Sea Expeditions works with groups of 5th-12th grade students. Trips range from 3-5 Day Expeditions(overnight) as well as 1-Day programs. The Mate/ Nautical Educator is one member of the six-person Education Team, working together to deliver quality inquiry-based and hands on marine science research programs. All crew members aboard the vessel participate in all shipboard duties: vessel operations, line handling, docking, anchor watch, cleaning, etc.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Instructing and overseeing staff and students in proper vessel operation
- Presenting nautical science topics to groups of 14 students on the vessel and in the classroom
- Teaching a variety of sailing and navigation classes underway to groups of up to 14 students
- In the evening remains onboard as a member of the sail team to assist students with chores, completing ships log, cooking, and other evening activities
- Office duties: assist in food and supply packing, preparing paperwork for expeditions, assisting with classroom sessions pre and post expedition tasks, and logistical projects
- Attending events as representative of Salish Sea Expeditions, program development as necessary
- Other duties as assigned

GENERAL OPERATIONS

While this position’s primary responsibility is in instructing and overseeing staff and students in proper vessel operation and nautical instruction, the Mate/Nautical Educator will work as part of the Salish Sea Expeditions and Northwest Maritime Center team to ensure smooth operations for the organization as a whole. Integral to the success of Salish Sea Expeditions and our hands-on, boat-based programs is a crew full of knowledgeable, curious, enthusiastic, and self-motivated educators. We aim to create a generation of critical thinkers who will collaborate to solve society’s hardest problems.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- 50 ton Inland Mates license (or greater) with sail endorsement
- Experience teaching sailing and navigation
- Demonstrated ability to handle and maintain a vessel as well as safely manage the deck
- Demonstrated ability to instruct staff and students in proper vessel operation to ensure safety
- Experience with small boats + outboard engines
- Ability to be an effective leader when necessary, as well as a team member within sailing team
- Experience working with 10-16 year olds
- Current first aid/CPR.
- Enthusiasm for working outdoors in all types of weather
- Ability to lift and carry gear up to 50lbs
- Ability to work well both individually and as a team member, as well as independently with small groups of students
- Ability to stay positive when working with crew and students over multiple days in relatively confined



spaces of the vessel

- Proactive work ethic: willingness to help in any aspects of programming as necessary
- Ability to pass pre-employment background check and drug test

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience with sailing vessels >60ft
- BST or other advanced maritime training
- WFA/WFR/EMT certification
- Interest in marine science and science education

APPLICATION PROCESS

New crew member:

1. Complete **Education Team Application** here- <https://www.salish.org/jobs/>
2. Send cover letter and resume to jobs@salish.org

Returning Crewmember:

1. Complete **Education Team Application for Returning Crew** here- <https://www.salish.org/jobs/>
2. If it has been more than 2 years, please email a cover letter and resume to jobs@salish.org

HIRING INFORMATION

- Spring Season: March-June; Hiring period: November-December
- Fall Season: September-October; Hiring period: July-August

Position is Seasonal, full-time

Office located at 431 Water St., Port Townsend, WA 98368

Position title: Mate/Nautical Educator

Reports to: Program Manager

Wage, based on a daily rate:

- Average \$1725-\$2400/month; depending on experience & schedule
- Additional benefits: Full room, partial board and seatime

