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Co-Captain AJ Meerwald Job Description

The Bayshore Center at Bivalve (BCB), a working waterfront museum, is dedicated to advancing the understanding of the human impact on the environment. The organization owns and operates the historic Schooner AJ Meerwald, a sailing classroom and vehicle to enjoy the area waterways. The museum, located in the historic shipping sheds in Bivalve, NJ, is the AJ Meerwald's home port. The AJ Meerwald docks in various ports in and around New Jersey, including the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, the New Jersey Coast, and New York Harbor. For more information on BCB, please go to www.bayshorecenter.org.

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The Schooner AJ Meerwald, built in 1928, serves over 7,000 passengers annually, sailing from selected ports in NJ as well as visiting other ports in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New York. Educational programs focus on marine science and history (e.g. plankton, water quality, etc.). The AJ Meerwald also provides private charters and public sails.

The Captains work to lead all aspects of the AJ Meerwald operations including personnel, maintenance, port relations, programming, capital improvements, and regulatory compliance. The Captains maintain excellent, constructive, supportive relationships with the crew and BCB staff. The Captains are senior members of the BCB management team and work to implement the organization's strategic plan, which includes programming on and off the ship. They maintain strong relationships with the USCG, port partners, and supporters.

Qualifications:

- 100-ton near coastal master's license with sail endorsement
- 3+ years' experience in the operation and management of a tall ship
- US citizenship
- Working knowledge of tall ship mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems
- Excellent interpersonal skills and good hygiene
- Effective written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with fellow captain

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Ensuring the safe operations of the ship
- Hiring, firing and managing crew
- Assisting in identifying, securing, and managing port relations
- Ensuring the ship is attractive and well maintained at all times
- Identifying and facilitating capital improvements to the ship
- Working with BCB staff to create and implement shipboard and land-based programming
- Ensuring appropriate financial management and operations of the ship
- Acting as an ambassador for the organization and the ship
- Ongoing crew and volunteer training on safety and operations
- Ensuring the highest quality service is provided to passengers
- Ensuring that the Crew House is clean, neat, and well maintained
- Other tasks and responsibly as directed by the Executive Director of the BCB

The position is full time and year-round. The Captains will work both on the boat and in BCB's offices in Bivalve, NJ.

License: Master, 100t, Near Coastal
STCW: AB Sail

Please send resume and or qualifications to director@bayshorecenter.org