Job Title: **Apprentice Boatwright**

**Reports To:** Boatwright

**Hours:** 40 per Week

**Contract:** 3 Months

**Stipend:** $2,667 per Month

**Benefits:** CWB will provide berthing for the Apprentice on one of its historic vessels.

The Center for Wooden Boats promotes Northwest Maritime Heritage through education, interpretation, and hands-on experience in building, using, and maintaining historic small craft. We are a living museum dedicated to using our artifacts to teach people to participate in our shared maritime culture. The mission of the on-the-water programs at CWB is to introduce the public to and educate them about seamanship, small vessel heritage, and the craft of sailing.

**Job Description:**

The Center for Wooden Boats (CWB) is seeking applicants for the Boatwright in Residence Apprenticeship Program to take place in the Summer/Fall season. This is a three-month contract position. CWB promotes Northwest Maritime Heritage through education, interpretation, and hands-on experience in building, maintaining, and using historic small craft. Specifically, we support preserving the hands-on technical skills necessary for building and restoring traditional wooden small craft through our programmatic, volunteering, and apprenticeship opportunities. The organization has steadily grown over 45 years in this unwavering endeavor. Situated in a public park in the heart of the bustling South Lake Union neighborhood of Seattle, our boatbuilding efforts are a living exhibit themselves, capturing the imagination of those who visit the park.

The Boatwright in Residence Apprenticeship Program is focused on providing recent wooden boatbuilding school graduates the opportunity to hone their skills and network with the local industry to help jumpstart their careers. As an example, our 2021 Apprentice Boatwright focused on the restoration of Pamela, a 21’ sloop rigged Blanchard Jr Knockabout (BJK) built in 1936 by the Blanchard Boat Company on Lake Union. The work focused on floor timber replacement, installing new steam bent white oak frames, and building a new mast for the rig. The Apprentice Boatwright led the project, with guidance from CWB’s Boatwrights. Project management tasks included organizing and working with volunteer labor, raw materials procurement, project scheduling, and construction.

The Boatwright in Residence Apprenticeship Program dates to the earliest days of our organization and has provided the opportunity to grow and network to many aspiring marine carpenters. In addition to boat restoration experience, the Apprentice will have the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in CWB’s wooden boat community. CWB will provide berthing for the Apprentice on one of its historic vessels, such as the 1906 ELCO built SEA WITCH. This three-month long program will pay a project stipend of $8,000 thanks to the generous support of the RPM Foundation. The program will take place in the summer or fall, depending on a qualified applicant’s approval and schedule. The program application will remain open until filled. Unpaid apprenticeship opportunities are also available year-round.

Interested applicants may apply by emailing hiring@cwb.org with a letter of interest and resume.
Qualifications:

- Recent Graduate of a Wooden Boatbuilding Program
- Familiar with traditional boatbuilding techniques
- Experience complying with safety management practices.
- A passion for being on the water, historic small boats, seamanship, and building community.
- Ability to work in a diverse team setting.
- Experience working with volunteers is a plus.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to hiring@cwb.org

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