Georgetown Heritage is looking for Canal Boat Crew Members

On April 28th, we inaugurated our new 15-ton, 19th century replica canal packet boat, giving tours on a one-mile section of the historic C&O Canal in Georgetown. We are looking for seasonal boat crew members to help operate the boat as it navigates on the Canal safely and to ensure a safe, fun, and educational tour experience for passengers.

Position Description
The Canal Boat Crew Member assists the Captain in safely operating an electric and/or mule-powered canal packet-boat in the Georgetown section of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park in Washington, DC, and ensures safety and customer service for our visitors. Crew Member will also help with ticketing operations, and maintain the boat. This position is anticipated to be seasonal part-time, Wednesdays-Sundays (weekend work required) from April-October. Crew Members report to the Lead Captain and Operations Manager, or the Captain on duty for the day.
Responsibilities

- Assist with operation of a 15-ton, 80-foot canal boat with capacity of 60 adult/75 child passengers for interpretive canal tours for visitors to the Chesapeake & Ohio National Historical Park in Georgetown, Washington, DC
- Exercise a high degree of skill, care, and tact, to ensure the safety of passengers and crew, and protection of resources, under varying flow and water conditions.
- Provide guidance and safety procedures to passengers for the duration of the trip, including during loading and unloading operations.
- Complete daily operational safety checklist(s) and ensure safe loading, docking, and fueling of the boat.
- Operate ticketing software and on-site purchases, including resolving issues for customers
- Operate lock gates and monitor/adjust water levels in canal as needed.
- Adhere to boat management and maintenance protocols to keep boat secure, and all systems and structures on the boat, safe, clean, maintained, and fully operational

Qualifications

- Must have an interest in working on a boat (boat operations, tours, safety, etc...)
- Must consent to and pass a criminal background check
- Must be reliable & punctual, able to commit to part-time work (approx. 30 hrs. per week, Wednesday-Sunday: weekends are required)
- Must be able to swim.
- Boats must occasionally be operated in inclement weather, and subject to noise and vibrations (within acceptable OSHA levels) when operating a boat.
- Must possess physical capabilities of conducting the boat tour and emergency protocols: be physically capable of being outdoors for most of the day, standing for long periods of time, walking, lifting (45 pounds), loading and unloading supplies and materials of all shapes and sizes and weights, general maintenance work, riding a moving boat, climbing stairs, swimming, traversing uneven surfaces in all kinds of weather, being in close proximity to live farm animals. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this job.
- Must have proof of COVID-19 Vaccination, and maintain up to date CDC vaccination requirements
Wage
$15-20 per hour, part-time (approx. 30 hours a week), commensurate with experience

How to Apply
Email (no phone calls, please) a brief letter of interest with resume attached (PDF preferred) to jobs@georgetownheritage.org

The position will remain open until filled. No phone calls, please. Some duties and details are subject to change. Find out more at www.georgetownheritage.org.

About Georgetown Heritage
Georgetown Heritage is a community-led nonprofit that is committed to revitalizing Georgetown’s portion of the C&O Canal. As an official partner of the National Park Service, we are engaging local residents, businesses, the Georgetown Business Improvement District, and the DC Government and supporters to realize the vision of a restored and vibrant Canal with robust education, interpretation, and recreation program for Washington’s residents and visitors. Georgetown Heritage is an Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We prohibit discrimination and harassment of any kind based on race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identification, national origin, disability, any other protected characteristic as outlined by federal or local laws.