On May 5th, we will begin another season of historic boat tours on the C&O Canal in Georgetown, featuring our new 15-ton, 19th century replica canal packet boat. We are looking for seasonal part-time canal boat captains to navigate the boat safely on the Canal, and to help supervise a three-man boat crew.

Last year, our new 15-ton, 19th century, replica canal packet boat had her inaugural season. 20,000 souls took the historic boat tour, learning about the history of the canal along the one mile section in historic Georgetown, Washington DC. The new boat brought back memories of the old one that operated in the 80s through 2011, but with new amenities and an updated tour experience.

Our second season is anticipated to run through this summer, ending when the National Park Service closes the canal. For this season, we need new boat captains to helm our tours.

**Position Description**

The Part-Time Canal Boat Captain assists the Captain and Operations Manager 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. Captains will supervise crew members on day of duty, and will help maintain the boat. This position is anticipated to be seasonal part-time, Wednesdays-Sundays (weekend work required) from April-June (possibly extended to as late as October) with training in April-May. All Captains report to the Lead Captain and Operations Manager.
Responsibilities

- Operate a 15-ton, 80-foot canal boat with capacity of 60 passengers for interpretive canal tours for visitors to the Chesapeake & Ohio National Historical Park in Georgetown, Washington, DC, and for special engagements (occasional evening work)
- 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.
- Inspect vessels to ensure they meet safety requirements and complete daily operational safety checklist(s) and ensure safe loading, docking, and charging of boat.
- Assist with crew schedules, logs and reports on boat operation.
- Daily oversight of crew/ deckhands to ensure safe tilling, poling, and lock operations, as well as shore work.
- Understand the canal locking procedures, and, if needed, operate lock gates and monitor/adjust water levels in canal.
- 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 possess & maintain valid Master Captain’s License (US Coast Guard 50 ton minimum), valid driver's license, and completed US Fish & Wildlife Service Motorboat Operator Certification Course.
- 2+ years of experience operating a powered boat with 49 occupants or similar craft.
- Must consent to and pass a criminal background check
- 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 or wildlife. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this job.
- Must have CPR/ First Aid Certification (or ability to secure certification upon date of hire)
- Must have proof of COVID-19 Vaccination, and maintain up to date CDC vaccination requirements
- Skills include: securing boats to dock and canal structures, navigating through narrow areas under varying flow rates, communicating with the Captain & Operations Manger, and maintaining passenger and maintenance logs.
**Wage**

$45 per hour, part-time (approx. 16-32 hours a week), plus tips and free parking!

**How to Apply**

Email (no phone calls, please) a brief letter of interest (with resume attached, if available) to rsolomon@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.

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**About Georgetown Heritage**

Georgetown Heritage is a community-led nonprofit that is committed to revitalizing Georgetown’s National Parks, especially 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.