



Discovery Sailing Project Bosun

The Discovery Sailing Project is a Sail Training Charity which takes young people from all walks of life to benefit from the experience of offshore Sail Training.

To facilitate this we operate three yachts from our base at Universal Marina on the River Hamble:
Colvic Clipper 60 – ‘Thermopylae Clipper’ 60ft
Seastream International 445 – ‘Discovery DSP’ 43 ft
Robertson 34 – ‘Alexander Fairey’ 34 ft

We are almost exclusively volunteer run, with currently a part time Project Organiser who looks after the day to day running of the project.

The Project is looking to recruit a part time Bosun, to be responsible for ensuring that the Project’s vessels are maintained in a good, safe and seaworthy condition.

Skills required:

- Personable and able to work effectively with people from all walks of life, including volunteers and young people.
- Good at explaining / demonstrating how to do practical tasks.
- Basic computer skills including managing spreadsheets, word documents, forms and emails.
- Experienced in maintaining yachts and their systems.
- Able to work to deadlines and budgets

Working hours:

During the Sailing Season, March – October, it is anticipated that the Bosun will work 2 days per week. The majority of our voyages, particularly in the spring and autumn, are weekends, and it is important that the yachts are ready to be used when the crews arrive on Friday evening.

During these days it is expected that the Bosun will:

- rectify any defects reported by previous sea staff
- carry out routine maintenance work as required
- work through any longer-term improvement projects on the yachts.

The majority of the larger maintenance tasks are usually carried out in the months of November, January and February, when the yachts are ashore, one at a time.

During these months it is expected the Bosun will work extra days per week, including weekends. A key part of the role will be to manage and run Refit Weekends.

All volunteer members of Project are expected to take part in a Refit Weekend each year and typically there will be 10 volunteers, with variable skills, present to work on the boats.

The Bosun will need to plan the work required, ensure all the necessary parts and materials are available, allocate and supervise the work and ensure all work is done safely.

Project Membership:

The Bosun will be expected to join the Discovery Sailing Project, and undergo a Scout Association DBS Check. They will also be welcome to sail, as a volunteer member of Sea Staff, should they wish to do so.

Remuneration:

As noted, number of days worked each week will be variable / flexible to suit the needs of the Project and the successful candidate.

Pay will be based on actual days worked and be paid monthly in arrears at a rate of £20 per hour. It is expected that the Bosun will work as a contractor to Discovery Sailing Project.

Responsibilities of the Bosun

- Maintenance of the Projects fleet including general condition of the yachts and their mechanical and electrical equipment to ensure its optimum performance during use.
- Where necessary sourcing 'expert contractors' who can perform specialist repair/maintenance work when required.
- Routinely reviewing the "Defects Log" for all vessels and prioritising work to ensure all vessels are able to remain "in service" as far as that is safe and realistic.
- Planning the routine work schedule and assigning the required work to the appropriate volunteers when available.
- Being thorough with the safety aspects of the processes involved in completing maintenance, ensuring that volunteers are thorough and complete tasks safely and seeing that the work assigned to volunteers is realised to the end.
- Regularly inform the key members of the Project of the progress of the maintenance work being scheduled, in progress and completed, including updating the "Defects Log" and compiling a preventative schedule for routine works.
- Advising on annual tasks and upgrades required to ensure the fleet is ready for annual survey and that the fleet is kept compliant to legislation in regard to the 'Code of Practice' MGN280.

To Apply

Please send your CV and a covering letter to David Wallder, Volunteer Skipper, by email to david@dsp.uk.com or by post to the address above. If you have any questions about this role, please get in touch by phone (07887 540035) or email.