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### **Georgetown Heritage is looking for a Canal Boat Captain and Operations Manager**

This is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of rebuilding one of Washington's most beloved boat programs. On July 9, 2021 we took delivery of a new 15-ton, 19<sup>th</sup> century, replica canal packet boat that will operate on a one-mile section of the historic C&O Canal in Georgetown.



A similar boat operated in the 1980's through 2011. The Georgetown Heritage Boat Captain and Operations Manager will help rebuild the wonderful Georgetown canal boat education and interpretation program.

We are looking for a Jack or Jill of many trades. A boat captain who can be a program manager, boat caretaker, and leader of a new public program that welcomes school children, families, visitors, and special groups, to the wonders of locking through a canal lock, and learning about 19<sup>th</sup> century canal technology, the history of building our nation's capital, and so much more...

The boat holds up to 60 adults or 75 children and will be run from April through October each year.

### **Canal Boat Captain Operations Manager Job Description**

The lead Canal Boat Captain & Program Manager operates an electric and/or mule-powered canal packet-boat and manages the boat crew and operations in the Georgetown section of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park in Washington, DC. This position will recruit, train, and manage the inaugural boat crew staff for Georgetown Heritage. This position is anticipated to be seasonal full time from March-November while the boat program is fully operational, with potentially reduced hours in off-peak season(s) beginning in fall 2021.

### **Responsibilities**



- Operate 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 crew and passengers for the duration of the trip, including during loading and unloading operations.
- Inspect vessels to ensure they meet minimum safety requirements and complete daily operational safety checklist(s) and ensure safe loading, docking, and fueling of the boat.
- Create and maintain boat crew staff schedules, logs and reports on boat operation, and ensures safe operating conditions.
- Operate lock gates and monitor/adjust water levels in canal as needed.
- Recruit, train, and provide daily oversight and supervision of boat crew staff and volunteers.
- Create and implement boat management and maintenance protocols to keep boat secure, and all systems and structures on the boat, safe, clean, maintained, and fully operational including upkeep of propulsion system, brightwork, hardware, plumbing and other system maintenance.

### **Qualifications**

Must possess and maintain a valid Master Captain's License (U.S. Coast Guard 50 ton minimum), valid driver's license, and completed US Fish & Wildlife Service Motorboat Operator Certification Course. 3-5 years of experience independently operating a powered boat with up to 49 occupants or similar craft (5+ years preferred). Skills include: securing boats to dock and canal structures, navigating through narrow areas under varying flow rates, communicating with other units in Georgetown and the C&O Canal National Historical Park, and maintaining passenger and maintenance logs. Operating in a historic environment, operating, and directing the operation of, locks, and working with mules a plus.

Physical Considerations: This position is responsible for loading and unloading boats, which may require moving supplies and materials of all shapes and sizes and weights. Will stand for long periods of time, climb stairs, and traverse uneven surfaces in all kinds of weather. Moderate physical effort is required in performing general maintenance work. Must be able to swim and CPR/First Aid certified (or ability to secure certification upon date of hire). Boats must occasionally be operated in inclement weather, and subject to noise and vibrations (within acceptable OSHA levels) when operating a boat. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this job.

### **Salary**

\$50,000 - \$65,000 depending on experience, plus benefits.

### **How to Apply**



Email a brief letter of interest with resume attached (PDF preferred) to [jobs@georgetownheritage.org](mailto:jobs@georgetownheritage.org)

The position will remain open until filled. No phone calls, please. Find out more at [www.georgetownheritage.org](http://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.