UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Position Description

TITLE: Captain, Small Boats

DIVISION: Academic Affairs (CELS)

REPORTS TO: Director of Vessel Operations

GRADE: 7

BASIC FUNCTION:

Operate research/training vessels. Maintain and repair vessels and their equipment. Manage business operations of the vessel cost center.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Operate research/training vessels during cruises.

Operate the vessel(s) in a safe, seaman-like manner while performing their educational and research missions.

Support the teaching and/or research efforts of all vessel users on various projects and activities while using cost center vessels.

Perform all business functions supporting cost center operations, including procurement and accounting activities.

Oversee the maintenance and repairs of cost center vessels by outside contractors.

Conduct day-to-day maintenance and repairs to cost center vessels.

Initiate purchases necessary to repair or maintain cost center vessels.

Bill cost center customers for their vessel usage.

Coordinate the use of cost center vessels.

Work with the U.S. Coast Guard to maintain the highest level of safety aboard cost center vessels.

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Perform additional duties as required.
LICENSES, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:

US Coast Guard 100-ton Ocean Operator’s License, FCC Radio Operator’s License, Hart Association C.P.R. Certification, Red Cross First Aid Certification, valid RI driver’s license.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

This position requires 24-hour call back in cases of emergency, when required, on all shifts. This position also requires duty at sea in extreme cold or hot temperatures, in addition to the normal hazards associated with sea duty.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree preferred. The following are required: minimum of five years' experience operating (i.e., captain) of sport, charter, commercial fishing, oil support, research or towing vessels of 50 feet to 80 feet in length; US Coast Guard 100-ton Ocean Operator’s License; FCC Radio Operator’s License; Hart Association C.P.R. Certification; Red Cross First Aid Certification; valid RI driver’s license; familiarity with, and ability to maintain, the machinery, hull and equipment of fiberglass vessels ranging in size from 13 feet to 60 feet, with outboard or inboard diesel power and hydraulic and electric auxiliary systems; experience with the operation and repair of fisheries scientific sampling equipment, including trawls, dredges, traps, and other static and dynamic sampling methods; strong interpersonal skills, and ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, and to interact with outreach clients, vessel users, vendors, faculty and students; understanding of basic accounting and budgeting methods. This position requires bending, reaching, ascending and descending ladders and stairs, stooping, kneeling, crouching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, feeling, talking, hearing, and jumping.

ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE MODIFICATION TO REASONABLY ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.