



Stubbs Island Charters Ltd.

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JOB POSTING Deckhand/ Naturalist / Conservation Communicator 2017 Season

General job description:

Stubbs Island Whale Watching is seeking highly motivated “ambassadors of the ocean” who are able to relay their rich knowledge of the marine environment to our passengers while guarding their safety and comfort. Outstanding communication skills and a deep commitment to sustainability are needed to ensure that the wildlife viewing has strong conservation and educational potential. This includes amplifying messaging through a variety of communications projects, including writing daily trip reports and contributing social media posts. Applicants must understand that there are also a considerable amount of manual and repetitive tasks involved in this position i.e. preparing, cleaning and maintaining the vessels.

Company background:

Established in 1980 as the first whale watching company in British Columbia, Stubbs Island Whale Watching has set the standard for ethical whale watching. Under new ownership since 2011, the company’s goals remain to provide guests with an experience that is highly enjoyable, as well as having high educational and conservation value.

It is a great privilege to be in an area that is frequented by members of the northern community of fish-eating Orca known as “Northern Residents”; mammal-eating Orca known as “Bigg’s Killer Whales” (aka “Transients”); Humpback Whales ; Minke Whales; Pacific White-Sided Dolphins; Dall’s Porpoises and Harbour Porpoises, Steller Sea Lions, Pacific Harbour Seals and an absolute wealth of sea birds. The life below the surface is also awe-inspiring. Please refer to the [webpage](#) for a further profile of the company (www.stubbs-island.com).

Location:

Telegraph Cove on Northern Vancouver Island, BC, CANADA; 4-hour drive from Nanaimo; 1/2 hour drive from Port McNeill, the nearest shopping area. Group staff accommodation in Telegraph Cove may be available.

Successful candidates:

- Must be Canadian or have a Canadian work permit.
- Have a post-secondary background in biology and/or environmental studies.
- Must possess or be willing to achieve their Marine Emergency Duties (MED A2) and Marine First Aid certification.
- Are able to guard the safety and comfort of passengers and adhere to safe procedure.
- Accept cleaning and maintenance duties as being a mandatory part of the position.
- Possess an outstanding work and environmental ethic.
- Ensure recycling and other environmental practices are carried out to optimum.
- Are driven in their commitment to marine and environmental education.
- Have a broad knowledge of British Columbia's marine life including sea birds and invertebrates.
- Have solid knowledge of the natural history of BC's marine mammals and the threats they face and be very willing to undertake the studying and training needed to upgrade and remain current.
- Have excellent interpersonal/verbal communication skills with successful public speaking experience to groups of 50+.
- Have excellent written communication and computer skills for blogging and social media posting.
- Are very flexible, recognizing the need for work schedule amendment.
- Are able to work holidays, weekends and up to 12-hour shifts.
- Are able to work independently but are very receptive to supervision and feedback.
- ***Are fun, enthusiastic, positive team players wanting to make a positive environmental difference!***

Further assets:

- Knowledge of an additional language
- Previous boat experience
- Wildlife photography and videography experience
- Social media and marketing expertise
- Experience using Wordpress, Adobe Lightroom and Final Cut Pro

Salary: Starting wage is dependent on qualifications and experience.

Work term: Staggered start and end dates. Start date: Early July. End date: Late August to late September.

Application format: Must include a cover letter specifically addressing position requirements and indicating period of availability. Resume to include 3 references (name, position and email address) with a minimum of 2 being employment contacts.

Application deadline: Midnight February 28th, 2017.

Apply to: Jackie Hilderling, Education and Conservation Advisor; Stubbs Island Whale Watching; reservations@stubbs-island.com.

Selection procedure:

1. References of short-listed candidates contacted.
2. Short-listed candidates interviewed via telephone.
3. **Final interviews will be held** in early March 2017.

Only applicants considered for interviews will be contacted.

Contact would occur after March 1st, 2017.