

## Deckhands/Naturalists, Vancouver

**STATUS:** Full-time and Part-time Seasonal (April 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>)

Prince of Whales Whale Watching is currently hiring Deckhands/Naturalists onboard both of our Vancouver based tour vessels – Salish Sea Dream and Ocean Magic. These are seasonal positions available immediately and continue through until the end of October. Certification sponsorship opportunities exist with higher level positions available to successful applicants in subsequent years.

Salish Sea Dream is a brand new, custom-built 95 passenger high-speed catamaran that operates day tours to Victoria on Vancouver Island, once daily from May 26<sup>th</sup> to September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ocean Magic is a 74 passenger semi-covered eco-cruiser that operates 4-5-hour whale watching tours one to two times daily (depending on the month) from April 15<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>. Both vessels depart from The Westin Bayshore Hotel (1601 Bayshore Drive) in Vancouver's Coal Harbour.

Primary job requirements include aiding in the safe operation and embarkation of a passenger carrying vessel, engaging with guests from around the world, discussing wildlife facts, sharing local knowledge of the region, and educating guests on the importance of sustainable whale watching in the Salish Sea. Additional responsibilities include serving beverages and snacks from our pantry as well as preparing the vessel in the morning and cleaning it in the evening.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:**

Desired Skills, Experiences and Certifications:

- Working towards a degree or diploma in biology, environmental science, geography, or another related field
- Marine Emergency Duties A-2
- Basic Marine First Aid CPR Level C
- Previous experience working on boats and/or in marine environments
- Ability to work in a team environment and take direction from the Master of the vessel
- Minimum 2 years of experience in guiding or customer service
- Ability to work on your feet for up to 12 hours

Other Skills, Experience & Certifications Considered as Strong Assets:

- Previous experience in the whale watching industry or knowledge of local marine environments
- Second language and travel experience
- High degree of strength, endurance, and physical fitness

### **HOURS / COMPENSATION:**

Deckhands/naturalists can expect to work 4 days on and 4 days off throughout the summer season for up to 12 hours per day.

Compensation is based on a per trip rate and is commensurate based upon experience and qualifications. Gratuities are additional and are pooled and split amongst crew members.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Please send a resume, cover letter, and list of certifications to [careers@princeofwhales.com](mailto:careers@princeofwhales.com).