Position Summary

The Master Captain will operate New England Science & Sailing’s twenty-seven-foot inspected vessel NESSie. NESSie is an open, flat bottomed, Carolina Skiff certified for carrying up to eighteen passengers. The Captain will operate NESSie in support of educational programs, public tours, and private charters. Cruising area includes Stonington, Fishers Island Sound, Mystic, Watch Hill, RI and the Pawcatuck River.

This position will work in a dynamic outdoor education environment as a key member of the NESS team. This individual must be personable and comfortable interacting with students and adults of varying ages and experience with boats and the surrounding water. The Master Captain must be a self-starter, able to work effectively within a team as well as on their own. They must be capable and at ease working in local weather and sea conditions. This is a non-exempt, seasonal position that requires night and weekend responsibilities. It will report directly to the Managing Director of Sailing and Operations.

Duties and Responsibilities

Vessel Operations
- Responsible for the safety of the vessel, crew, and passengers in compliance with all United States Coast Guard rules, regulations and laws.
- Ensure proper operation and maintenance of the vessel
- Make safety announcements and demonstrate location / operation of safety devices
- Make clear and appropriate weather decisions

Education Support
- Safely operate NESSie to field locations for NESS summer camp programs, including anchoring vessel, and assisting in the disembarking of students on to a dock, beach, or rocky shore
- Assist NESS educators in choosing the right location for the purpose of the lesson, taking into consideration weather, and other navigational factors
- Ensure safe operation of boat with various activities happening on board, i.e. fishing, scientific equipment deployment etc.

Tours and Charters
- Operate vessel unassisted
- Actively engage with guests providing NESS overview, basic ocean and local history highlights, answering questions
- Maintain hospitality mindset and pleasant, calm demeanor.
- Provide exceptional guest experiences.

Education/Certifications/Requirements
- Current US Coast Guard Master of Steam License. Minimum 25 ton inland
- Current American Red Cross CPR/AED and First Aid ** May be able to attain this at NESS
- Random Drug Testing
Skills/Knowledge/Experience

- Demonstrated skill operating small passenger vessels
- Minimum 2 years’ experience operating vessels in educational or commercial environments
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Demonstrates confidence and composure

Compensation commensurate with experience.

To Apply: Please send resume and cover letter to: Jobs@nessf.org subject: Master Captain

New England Science & Sailing Foundation is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment at our organization without regard to age, color, gender expression, genetic information, disability status, race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or status as a protected veteran. NESS welcomes individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and ideas who uphold our core values of inclusiveness, stewardship, personal growth, and experiential learning.

About NESS
New England Science & Sailing Foundation, Inc. (NESS), is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) ocean adventure education organization that engages students in experiential learning to build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Marine sciences, adventure sports, powerboating, and sailing are platforms for inquiry-based learning, personal discovery, teaching respect and responsibility for the sea, and creating connections with the community. NESS operates year-round with families, schools, and organizations to provide high-quality programs that blend an innovative curriculum with exciting ocean adventure activities. For more information, visit www.nessf.org