



Buffalo Bayou Partnership

Position Announcement:

Pontoon Boat Tour Captain

Reports to: Director of Venue and Visitor Services
Classification: Contract
Payrate: \$35/hour
Departure Location: 5803 Navigation Boulevard,
Houston, TX 77003

Buffalo Bayou Partnership

Established in 1986, Buffalo Bayou Partnership (BBP) is the non-profit organization creating and stewarding welcoming parks, trails, and unique spaces, connecting Houstonians with the city's most significant natural waterway. The organization's focus is the 10-mile stretch of the bayou that flows from Shepherd Drive, through the heart of downtown and the East End, and on to the Port of Houston Turning Basin. In addition to spearheading award-winning green spaces such as Buffalo Bayou Park, BBP also operates comprehensive green space and waterway maintenance programs and engages tens of thousands of visitors each year through dynamic programming, public art, volunteer events, and recreational opportunities that enrich the quality of life in Houston.

Position Summary

BBP is seeking an experienced Boat Captain to lead tours and crew in the safe and efficient operation of the organization's pontoon boat. This position will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the vessel's operations, including navigation, safety, cleanliness of the boat, and crew management. The ideal candidate will have a passion for boating and customer service as well as strong leadership skills, experience in marine transportation, and knowledge of and adherence to Coast Guard compliance. The Boat Captain plays a crucial role in creating a positive and safe experience for passengers, requiring efficient communication, attention to detail, and a proactive approach to fulfilling responsibilities.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Monitor weather and water conditions and communicate with BBP staff prior to tours
- Conduct deckhand training as assigned
- Operate and navigate the vessel safely and efficiently
- Maintain a high level of safety for passengers and crew at all times
- Ensure compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations
- Maintain logs and other records as required by law
- Report maintenance deficiencies
- Ensure the boat is clean and ready for tours
- Use personal phone to communicate passenger headcount to the main office and ensure accurate record-keeping

- Participate in required training
- Submit invoices in a timely manner

Qualifications

- Hold a current Master Merchant Mariners license
- Availability to work weekends, evening hours, and holidays if necessary
- Spanish language skills a plus

Abilities

- Operate vessel controls and equipment
- Stand, walk, and climb for extended periods
- Handle a 60lb gangplank
- Provide excellent customer service
- Represent BBP with a high level of integrity and professionalism and adhere to BBP's policies
- Correspond via email
- Communicate effectively with individuals of varying ages as well as social and cultural backgrounds
- Dependable, flexible, and adaptable in a dynamic and changing environment

Salary and Benefits

Buffalo Bayou Partnership offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits.

BBP is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To Apply:

Please submit resume and cover letter to:

jobs@buffalobayou.org

Subject line: Pontoon Boat Captain

No phone calls please.