



BLUEWATER ADVENTURES: CAPTAIN

[Bluewater Adventures](#) is a well-established, small eco-tourism company that offers multi-day wildlife/nature trips onboard one of our motor-sailors around the central and northern coast of British Columbia in Haida Gwaii, Great Bear Rainforest, Khutzeymateen, Northern Vancouver Island and Southeast Alaska. Our season typically runs from May to October and crew are hired on a contract basis. Core crew typically work two trips on, two trips off; a relief captain would fill in as available. Our trips take place onboard one of our three motor-sailors – the Island Solitude, Island Odyssey, and Island Roamer – which are 85 ft and 68 ft in length respectively. A typical trip will have 12 guests and a 4-person crew made up of a Captain, Mate, Cook, and Naturalist.

Job Description

The captain is responsible for the operation and safety of the ship 24 hours a day, guiding guests, safety of guests and crew; and the coordination of the guest activities while out on a trip. Captains must also know how to operate all safety equipment, adhere to company safety policies, communication protocols and emergency roles. This position can combine working on the vessel during the guest & school trip operating season (March – October), with the option for full time maintenance work at the North Vancouver dock during the winter for those interested in supervising boat systems maintenance (November – April).

Responsibilities

Operation & navigation of the ship

- Conduct operations in a professional, approachable, and confident manner
- Ensure the safety and comfort of passengers in all operations. Discuss emergency protocols. Be prepared to direct an emergency situation 24 hours a day
- Review safety systems with crew: practice emergency scenarios with incoming crew
- Teach & involve guests in boat operations

Trip planning

- Create trips itinerary based upon safety, crew experience and ability, weather, tides, group preferences, published Bluewater descriptions, running condition of the vessel, and more
- Be prepared and capable to be flexible with the schedule and adapt to real-time circumstances and opportunities

Teamwork and crew coordination

- Foster a sense of teamwork amongst the crew, support learning of additional skills. Plan short daily crew meetings, or if this is not possible, make sure there is constant communication with all crew on plans, timing, changes or operational issues.

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- Assist other crew as appropriate with cooking, cleaning, and program activities.
- Guide guests on shore excursions

General ships maintenance

- Conduct daily inspections of machinery and vessel systems. Use checklists for main engine, generator, bilge spaces. Perform repairs as soon as possible.
- Work with crew to fix issues as they arise to maintain the vessel. Supervise crew on ongoing maintenance carried out during trips.

Skills Required

- Extensive experience of the British Columbia coast – from Victoria to Prince Rupert including Haida Gwaii
- Mechanical experience and aptitude
- Sailing experience on larger vessels and familiar with all operations: setting sails, docking, anchoring, raising anchor, mooring, and the operation of a windlass
- Experience handling zodiacs and kayaks
- Interest and knowledge of wildlife, conservation, and coastal history
- Tourism and hospitality experience
- Strong communication and leadership skills
- Ability to engage with guests while also ensuring crew feel supported

Certifications (Hold or Obtain)

Required

- Transport Canada 60-ton Master's Certificate (minimum) or higher
- 20 Hour Wilderness First Aid (WFA or WFR) + CPR – C
- Commercial Bear Viewing Association Bear Guide Certificate

How to Apply

Please send your resume and cover letter to info@bluewateradventures.ca

Bluewater Adventures offers a competitive daily wage plus on-trip gratuity opportunities.

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