



Discovery Marine Safaris Ltd.
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JOB POSTING

Deckhand/ Naturalist / Conservation Communicator - 2017 Season

General job description:

Discovery Marine Safaris is seeking a highly motivated “ambassador of the ocean” who is 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. 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 2007 Discovery Marine Safaris Ltd. upholds the standard for ethical wildlife watching set by our sister company Stubbs Island Whale Watching. The Company’s goal is to provide guests with an experience that is highly enjoyable, as well as having high educational and conservation value. Please refer to the [webpage](http://www.adventurewhalewatching.com) for a further profile of the company (www.adventurewhalewatching.com).

The company prides itself on guests having a first-class experience from the time of making a reservation, throughout the check-in procedure and, of course, on the tour itself. Our valued guests often provide feedback acknowledging that the positive team atmosphere and the depth of knowledge are what set us apart. It’s what we Discovery Marine Safaris take the greatest pride in – this team approach; consistency of professionalism; and ethical standard of wildlife viewing.

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. We also privileged in being able to offer Grizzly Bear watching tours in Homalco First Nation Bear Habitat. The life below the surface is also awe-inspiring.

Location:

Campbell River on Vancouver Island, BC, CANADA; 2-hour drive from Nanaimo.

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.
- Must have completed the [Marine Education and Research Society Marine Naturalist Workshop](#) or equivalent (MERS workshop is June 2nd to 4th and a spot has been reserved for the successful applicant).
- 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 deep interest in British Columbia's bears and marine life including sea birds and invertebrates.
- Have solid knowledge of the natural history of BC's bears and 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 20+.
- 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.

Salary: Starting wage is dependent on qualifications and experience.

Work term: Full time seasonal. Start date: ~June 7. End date: October.

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 Sunday, May 28th, 2017.

Apply to: Geord Dunstan at geord@adventurewhalewatching.com.

Selection procedure:

1. References of short-listed candidates contacted.
2. Short-listed candidates interviewed via telephone.

**Only applicants considered for interviews will be contacted.
Contact would occur after May 28th, 2017.**