

Assistant Marine Captain

Dept Number/Name: 0-4710-000 Florida Institute Of Oceanography

Position Number: 00003370

Organizational Summary:

The Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO) is a state-wide Academic Infrastructure Support Organization (AISO) established in 2009 by the Chancellor and Board of Governors (BOG) of the State University System (SUS) and hosted by the University of South Florida. FIO operates under a Memorandum of Understanding with 30 institutions and agencies engaged in marine research, education and resources management, including all 12 public universities.

The FIO operates two state of the art research vessels (Bellows and Weatherbird II) and a marine facility (Keys Marine Lab) supporting research and education across the State of Florida by offering unique opportunities for college level education and researchers studying the marine ecosystems offered along the coasts of Florida.

On July 10, 2012, the Florida Institute of Oceanography (FIO) was named the Gulf Coast Entity that would administer and support the Florida Center(s) of Excellence Program under the RESTORE Act. Under the terms of the Act, a percentage of funds will be allocated to FIO that will be used and be available for programs, projects and activities that restores and protect the environment and economy of the Gulf Coast region.

Position Summary:

The position is the Second Officer on the 115 ft R/V Weatherbird II reporting directly to the Captain. Position is directly involved in all aspects of the daily operation of crew and vessel, both in-port and underway. Responsible for safety and welfare of vessel and crew in the absence of or incapacitation of the Marine Captain.

Responsible for safe navigation and piloting of the vessel and safety and welfare of all aboard during assigned watch. Directs and supervises crew day to day activities in the absence of Marine Captain in port or underway. Participate and Assign watch duties to crew members and to diverse science party include maneuvering in tight quarters, deploying and recovering over the side scientific equipment, buoy operations, diving operations and anchoring in various weather conditions. Knowledge of engineering plant and proper procedure for engineering rounds while

in port and underway. Support deckhand and scientists on deck. Other assigned duties by Captain or Director.

Prepares administrative reports related to vessel, not limited to maintaining charts and vessel logs, collecting and verifying timesheets. Participates and make recommendations as part of management team for recruitment pertaining to research vessels. Work with Marine Captain to develop procedural manuals (operations, safety, emergencies, etc) for dissemination.

Vessel Safety Officer while underway. Responsible for inspection, service and training of all survival equipment. Ensures the crew and science party have and use all personal safety equipment. Conducts training on portable power and equipment. Conducts and coordinates shipboard safety briefings and orientation for science party on all safety procedures and emergency drill procedures. Integral part of shipboard emergency response team. Integral member of vessel training team. Responsible for training crew in areas of deck operations and deck evolutions, cargo handling, seamanship, marlinspike seamanship, small boat operations, all deck machinery, safety procedures and emergency procedures. When in port oversees shipboard maintenance plan/logs. Supervises topside and interior maintenance to include hull, decks, bulkheads, bulwarks, deck machinery, interior living, science and common spaces and all other associated spaces and equipment and has direct hands on involvement. Duties include oversight of cleanliness, health and sanitation of all areas of the vessel.

Other assigned duties by Captain or Director.

Minimum Qualifications:

Licensed as a Master, Ocean, any grade, or as a Mate, Ocean or Near Coastal in accordance with Title 46, Part 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations with qualifications appropriate to the assigned vessel(s); two years of at-sea shipboard experience in operating a marine vessel, including pilothouse duties involving navigation of the vessel, one year of which must have been on oceanographic research vessel operating on ocean or near coastal waters. Successful completion of firefighting and radar observer courses approved by the U.S. Coast Guard is required. Possession of current certificate of completion for Standards of Training certification, and Watch keeping, Basic Safety Training (STCW-95, BST), First Aid/CPR, driver's license, Current Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) and passport required at time of hire.

Preferred Qualifications:

Bachelors, 2 years' experience in piloting marine research vessel operations, supervision of crew to support the mission and function of the area of responsibility. Knowledge of U.S. Coast

Guard rules and regulations, American Bureau of shipping requirements and vessel stability; Maritime Laws; Current with all applicable laws, regulations, treaties, CFRs, USCG-NVICs; OSHA regulations: Proficient in Dynamic Positioning Systems; knowledge of logistic planning.

Information for Applicants

This position is subject to a criminal background check, pre-employment drug and alcohol screening and pre-employment physical exam and is subject to a Level 2 criminal background check.

How To Apply

Click on the Apply Now button. When applying to an opening you will have the opportunity to upload a cover letter and resume.

Apply online by completing the required information and attaching your cover letter and resume. Please include your experience as it relates to the qualifications stated above. **YOUR COVER LETTER AND RESUME, PLUS ANY OTHER REQUESTED MATERIAL, MUST BE IN ONE ATTACHMENT.** Only online applications are accepted for this position.

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Equal Employment Opportunity

USF is an equal opportunity, equal access academic institution that embraces diversity in the workplace.

Work Location

FIO is located in St. Petersburg, on the USF-St. Petersburg Campus. Map and location overview: USF - St. Petersburg Campus