

Volunteer Deckhand Onboard *Hjordis*

North House Folk School

Updated: March 2019



Overview

The schooner *Hjordis* is an important resource for the North House Folk School, serving as serving as a dynamic floating educational platform, an inspiring visual icon and an important program resource. Managing the schooner's maintenance, programming and scheduling needs involve the cooperative efforts of North House staff, contract captains and volunteer deckhands. The Deckhand position assists with safety, operational and educational aspects of the schooner as directed by the Captains.

The vision for North House's daily sailing experiences is to create a gateway for participants into the worlds of traditional sailing and Lake Superior history/ecology while also directly connecting them to North House's educational efforts and hands-on vision.

The Deckhand position is seasonal and volunteer-based. Schedules vary based on individual needs, the needs of the Captain and other volunteer positions.

Duties

1. assist captains with passenger and crew safety
2. assist captains & guests with safe operation of vessel
3. assist captains in educational component of program
4. assist with maintenance of vessel

Expectations

1. minimum participation with two 2-hour sails per week, if not sailing then assisting with appropriate maintenance
2. participate in a pre-season sail training/shakedown session
3. learn required knots, sail/line handling, helming, and interpretive programs
4. participation in Coast Guard mandated drug testing program
5. thorough understanding of all safety/emergency procedures (MOB, Fire, Abandon Ship, radio operation, etc.)
6. interest in sailing traditions, North Shore history, Lake Superior ecology/geology and mission of North House Folk School
7. participants must be physically able to stand for 2 hour periods, perform physical labor involved in sailing (raising sails, steering, etc) and must be at least 16 years of age and able to swim

Benefits

1. receive hands-on sail education (deckhand training and ongoing instruction)
2. logged sea service time applicable to U.S. Coast Guard Captain licensing
3. volunteer service hours with a non-profit organization
4. sail passes to bring guests aboard the schooner and gift certificates for use as tuition

Sailing Passes

Deckhands who sign up for 6-12 sails per month receive 1 sail pass per month
Deckhands who sign up for 13+ sails per month receive 3 sail passes per month

Each Sail Pass is good for one passenger on a regular two-hour day so that deckhands can bring guests on the Hjordis. Guests using the sail passes need to register for desired sails.

Gift Certificates

Deckhands who sign-up for 15-30 sails total over the course of the season will receive \$100 in credit towards North House coursework.

Deckhands who sign-up for 30+ sails total over the course of the season will receive \$250 in credit towards North House coursework (approx 3+ days of coursework)

Other Information

If North House cancels a sail due to weather or other issues, the deckhand still receives credit for the sail if he/she was available to sail if needed.

Sign-ups occur on a first-come, first-serve basis. Preference is given to those who are able sign up consistently for the same sails.

If you are unable to sail for a time you have signed up for, please notify Matt as soon as possible. If you are cancelling less than one week in advance, please try to find a replacement. A list of contact information will be provided to all deckhands.

Training Date: May 25th

Please return completed applications or direct inquiries to:
Matt Nesheim, Program Manager
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Grand Marais, Minnesota 55604
218.387.9762
mnesheim@northhouse.org

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Name:					
Address					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Phone:		E-mail			

Tell us why you are interested in being a deckhand aboard Hjordis.

Describe your experiences sailing or on the water in other types of boats.

What volunteer or work experiences have you had that will help prepare you for this job?

An important part of the job of a deckhand is to make guests feel comfortable aboard the schooner. Describe any experiences you have had working with visitors to Cook County, and how those experiences would help you be a good "host" on the boat.

The Hjordis is the floating classroom of North House Folk School and has an educational mission. As conditions permit, deckhands are asked to lead short education activities for guests. What experiences do you have teaching others? Which of the following topics sound most interesting to you: Lake Superior sailing history, Cook County history, water quality, geology, or others (please specify)?

Volunteer Deckhand Application (cont.)

I understand that to participate in the Deckhand program, I must participate in and pass the Coast Guard mandated drug testing program. There is a \$30 fee for this test, which will be reimbursed to me at the completion of the sailing season, provided that I fulfill my agreed-upon sailing duties.

Signature (if under 18, parent or guardian must sign below)

Date

*If under 18, please have a parent or guardian sign below:

----- has my permission to apply to participate in the Deckhand Program at North House Folk School. I understand that participation in this program requires an 8 hour per week commitment during sailing season (as the school schedule allows). Submission of this application does not guarantee participation.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

References

Please identify 3 people who can attest to your professional and personal reliability.

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Phone:-----
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