Part-Time Boat Captain

Responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of the ELC pontoon boat and taking registered guests on boat tours.

Detailed Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ensures passenger safety at all times.
- Operate vessel in a safe manner, exercising courtesy to passengers and other boaters.
- Ensure that all vessels are safe, U.S. Coast Guard compliant and clean at all times.
- Maintain fuel level allowing for plenty of reserve to complete tour(s).
- Perform minor maintenance/repairs to vessels, boat lift and dock as needed.
- Launch and retrieve pontoon boat using a boat lift.
- Follow designated routes for each tour offered.
- Collaborate with Guest Services Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator to address weather concerns, cancellations, and guide staffing.
- Report any safety/mechanical deficiencies immediately to the Manager of Facilities
- Backup other part-time Boat Captains

Education, Certifications Required

- Valid US Coast Guard Captains Master’s License (minimum 25 ton), Valid CPR/1st Aid certification, will be added to ELC’s APCA Consortium.
- Other hiring conditions (background check, etc., licensure) - Background check
- Representative Duties and Responsibilities:
  - Command ELC pontoon boat in various bodies of water - Indian River Lagoon, St Sebastian River, and C 54 canal.
  - Operate and maintain motor, boat lift, fire extinguishers, and life preservers.
  - Keep log.
  - Work with staff and volunteer naturalists and volunteer first mates (observers).
  - Work with ELC Facilities Manager in general maintenance of dock, lifts, and boat.

Qualifications:

- Valid US Coast Guard Captains Master’s License (Min 25 Ton)
- Valid CPR/1st Aid certification
- Concentration and focus
- Technical aptitude
- Good judgment and problem-solving skills
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work as an effective team member
- Good health, hearing, and vision
- Proven navigational skills
- Time management skills
- Emergency/disaster management skills
- Enthusiasm for outdoor education

Hours

Estimated 8–16 hours per week, varying by season with typically higher number of hours during winter months, including evenings and weekends.