



Mate Position

Job Description:

Inland Seas Education Association is looking for someone with good leadership and a positive attitude to fill the position of Mate for the 2024 season aboard the schooners *Inland Seas* and *Alliance*. This is a full-time seasonal position, starting now, for winter maintenance and refit through November 1st, 2024. The Mate may live in the dorm during the winter and aboard the vessel during the season if desired. This position is an opportunity to learn about ship systems as well as project management and offers overnight navigational experience in a beautiful part of the world.

Inland Seas Education Association fosters a positive, safe, and inclusive culture. We seek team members who can create a great work environment for people of all backgrounds so that our busy season is fun and enjoyable.

To apply for the Mate position please email your resume and cover letter to Capt. Ben Hale at bhale@schoolship.org.

Program & Itinerary:

Inland Seas Education Association operates two schooners based in northern Michigan that travel the Great Lakes. We do overnight voyaging programs with up to 10 students plus crew and day programs with up to 35 students plus crew. Our vessels are used for collecting research data and teaching Great Lakes topics to students of all ages. It is the mission of Inland Seas Education Association to enhance public understanding and stewardship of the Great Lakes through hands-on shipboard and onshore educational programs for children and adults.

Responsibilities:

Responsibilities include leading a navigational watch and assisting in vessel operations such as maintenance, sail handling, and safety procedures. The Mate must also assist the Captain in training others in vessel operations, seamanship, and safety protocols. The Mate will be required to participate in teaching students and volunteers during certain programs.



Qualifications/Experience:

Applicants must have an interest in Great Lakes ecology, enjoy teaching, and be capable of interacting positively with people of all ages. A sail-endorsed 100 GRT Great Lakes Masters or Mates license is required. Applicants must hold a valid driver's license and CPR and First Aid certificates. Experience aboard traditionally rigged, commercial sailing vessels is required as well as an ability to work aloft. The Mate may live in the dorm during the off-season and aboard the vessel during the sailing season.

Compensation: \$150 Day