Oliver Hazard Perry Rhode Island

Position: Chief Engineer

OHPRI is seeking a Chief Engineer for SSV *Oliver Hazard Perry* to join the crew for USCG testing and sea trials in the spring in preparation for our programs starting summer 2016. Applicants should have strong communication skills, an active interest in education and be capable of interacting positively with people of all ages.

SSV Oliver Hazard Perry is the first full-rigged ocean-going ship to be built in the United States in over 100 years. Once operational she will run programs for student of all ages during year round operation initially along the east coast. Programs will range from 1-week teen summer camps to 14 week high school semesters to adult voyages to Cuba and Bermuda. Her traditional rig reaches 130ft high with a total of 19 spars, seven miles of rope and wire and 20 sails that total 14,000 square feet. This contrasts her modern below deck features, including an environmental science lab, state-of-the art classroom technology, wheelchair accessibility, and climate-controlled living and learning spaces.

The Engineer is in charge of the proper operation and maintenance of all electrical and mechanical equipment aboard the ship including her twin 385hp Caterpillar diesel propulsion engines, twin 99kw generators and a 30 kw emergency generator. The ship has full HVAC, water maker, sewage treatment, Ensolve filtration system, etc., etc. The Engineer monitors fuel and water supplies, maintains the highest level of fuel and energy efficiency and keeps tools and spare parts organized and inventoried. He/she also instructs all crew members in the procedures for operating the generator, engines, bilge pumping system, and fire fighting equipment. Record keeping is through an online system called Wheelhouse. The idea candidate will have a solid background in systems engineering and an interest in trouble shooting some of the final pieces of the project.

The right candidate for the position of Engineer will have at least a Third Assistant Engineers license, Basic Safety Training & Advanced Fire Fighting. The position is full time, year round – benefits and salary commensurate with experience.

Crew positions on SSV Oliver Hazard Perry include all aspects of tall ship sailing and good seamanship as well as an ability and desire to educate students of all ages in day and overnight programs. All crew participate in daily housekeeping, routine maintenance, safety drills, and take an active educator role. All crew must be enthusiastic, flexible, and energetic leaders with experience in the industry.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Knowledge of diesel engines, genset, electrical, hydraulic and shipboard systems.
- Commitment to execution and follow through
- Flexible and adaptable to changing environments and schedules
- An interest in furthering the educational mission of Oliver Hazard Perry Rhode Island
- Willing to live by the rules and regulations aboard the ship
- Able to be an active member of a team

SSV Oliver Hazard Perry crew are not permitted to consume alcohol during programs or smoke aboard the vessel at any times, and must be willing to undergo a criminal background check and drug-testing in compliance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

Start date: March 21

Location: Based out of Newport, RI. Operating in New England waters in summer 2016

Apply by email cover letter and resume to jess@ohpri.org or Jess Wurzbacher, OHPRI, Inc., 29 Touro Street, Newport, RI 02840

For more information on SSV Oliver Hazard Perry and our Education at Sea mission, visit www.ohpri.org