



Title: Shipwright Apprentice

Hours: 40 hours per week

Compensation: \$10/hr

Reports to: Dave Dormond, Boat Shop Educator

Description:

The Shipwright Apprentice Program is a six week program focused on wooden boatbuilding at Independence Seaport Museum's Workshop on the Water. The goal of the program is to help its participants further their interests in the maritime trades, especially that of traditional wooden boatbuilding. With six weeks of practicing traditional techniques, apprentices will be better prepared to get into the industry and kick start their careers.

Two of our apprenticeship positions are made possible thanks to the RPM Foundation. One of the missions of the RPM foundation is to provide pathways to careers for the next generation of marine restoration and preservation craftsmen through formal training and mentorship.

The 2018 project is centered on the construction of a 24' Corinthian centerboard sloop. Philadelphia naval architect, Thomas D. Bowes, designed this boat, and eight were built in Holland in 1951. They were commissioned for the Corinthian Yacht Club of Essington, PA, to be competitively sailed on the Delaware River. There are three known to exist (one of which was recently restored by the Workshop on the Water and launched June 2017). This summer's boat will be number four. The construction is African Mahogany planks riveted onto White Oak frames. It will be built for use in the water in hopes of revitalizing interest in the fleet.

This position runs from July 9th through August 17th.

Qualifications:

- At least 1 year of boatbuilding school, marine trade school, or equivalent experience
- Ability to engage in manual labor with occasional heavy lifting (50-75 lbs.)
- Working knowledge and application of appropriate tools
- Commitment of 40 hours per week
- 2-3 professional references
- Sailing and on-the-water experience a plus
- Good interpersonal communication
- Flexibility
- Patience and attention to detail
- Upon hiring, a PA Child Abuse History Clearance required

Duties:

- Assist with tasks related to the construction of the Corinthian sloop
- Represent the Museum to visitors
- Other duties as assigned

To apply:

Please fill out our online application [here](#).

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Location: Independence Seaport Museum, 211 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19106. The Museum is easily accessible by public transportation and nearby parking.

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