



Title: Dock Hand at Paddle Penn's Landing

Hours: Seasonal, Hourly not to exceed 35 hours per week

Compensation: \$12/hr + regular giveaways/perks

Description: Dock Hands are responsible for engaging the public in on water programming on the Independence Seaport's Waterfront. This includes teaching customers to paddle, row, and peddle boats; about the surrounding aquatic environments; and how to safely enjoy their experience on the water. Shifts are varied in time and specific responsibilities but most commonly include providing on-water experiences to the public during small boat rentals, special events such as water clean-ups, environmental educational opportunities, and for children and teens in many different summer camp groups. This seasonal position runs from May through September. Required on-water training occurs late-April. Shift times include weekday morning/afternoons; weekday afternoon/evenings; weekend afternoon/evenings. At least 4 weekend days per month are required.

Qualifications:

- Experience interacting with the public
- Ability to work long hours outdoors in the summer weather, stand for long periods of time, able to lift 50lbs
- Patient and able to remain calm in stressful situations
- Strong communication skills, both verbal and written
- Extremity reliable and punctual, required
- Takes initiative in regular responsibilities
- Experience with rowing, paddling, or other on-water activities
- Small boat, lifeguard, CPR/first aid certifications a plus
- Basic computer skills
- Flexibility in scheduled shifts
- Ability to represent the Museum to potential visitors
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance required (forms provided)
- First aid certified required (training provided)
- Must be 16 or older

Duties:

- Safely assist customers into and out of boats
- Teach customers to row and paddle
- Calmly handle situations on the water
- Assist with dockside related programming and events
- Observe and enforce proper safety standards during boat rental and summer camp hours
- Prepare boats for usage and end-of-day storage (duties include: pumping water out of boats, cleaning boats, and ensuring boats are tied off properly)
- Perform routine maintenance and repairs on docks, boats, and equipment
- Welcome visiting ships and other boats on the dock and the landing, and assist with their docking and other needs
- Perform other duties as assigned, related to the dock hand job

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To apply:

Send a cover letter and resume showing how you meet the qualifications of this job in an e-mail to Kaitie Sniffen at ksniffen@phillyseaport.org. No phone calls.

Independence Seaport Museum deepens the appreciation, understanding and experience of the Philadelphia region's waterways through history, science, art and community. For more information, please visit phillyseaport.org.

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