



Job Title: Floating Classroom Captain

The National Loon Center is searching for a U.S. Coast Guard certified captain for our Floating Classroom on Cross Lake - a part of the Whitefish Chain of Lakes. The Floating Classroom is a 31-foot tritoon boat that will be used for educational excursions on the Whitefish Chain. The boat will provide a tangible means of experiential learning about loons and lakes for passengers of all ages. As the captain of the Floating Classroom, you will help the National Loon Center engage the public in fun and informative lessons about loons and lakes. A Master Naturalist will be on board to teach and engage passengers, but ideal candidates for this position will be suited to interact with passengers as well. Ideal candidates will also have a passion for loons and lakes while recognizing the importance of responsible recreation and preservation. This is a limited opportunity to get involved early with a nationally significant research facility and educational destination. And plus, it's pretty hard to beat getting paid to be out on the water! This position will work under the oversight of the Executive Director and immediate supervision of designated National Loon Center staff.

Qualifications

- Required to have U.S. Coast Guard captain's license (or willingness to acquire one at no personal cost)
- Must demonstrate proficiency piloting and operating a 31-foot tritoon tour vessel
- Must demonstrate advanced understanding of boating operations and upkeep
- Must be physically capable of performing rescue and assisting disabled passengers
- Must have personal transportation and ability to commute to Crosslake, MN from April through September
- Valid First Aid/CPR/AED certification is preferred (courses may be arranged for crew)
- Moderate knowledge of loons and lake ecology is beneficial

Responsibilities

- Pilot excursions ranging from 2-3 hours in duration
- Oversee naturalist and up to 18 passengers
- Ensure and enforce safety of crew and passengers
- Determine safety surrounding excursions given varying weather conditions
- Complete daily operational logs, as per Coast Guard requirements
- Daily maintenance and monitoring to ensure safe operation and proper treatment of the boat
- Equipped to enforce safety policies and perform emergency response protocols if necessary
- Verify the upkeep and cleanliness of the boat
- Qualified individuals may also obtain additional hours performing routine engine maintenance



Organizational Overview

The National Loon Center in Crosslake, Minnesota aims to restore and protect loon breeding habitats, enhance responsible recreation, and serve as a national leader in advancing loon and freshwater research and education. The National Loon Center's world-class facility, set to open to the public in the fall of 2024, will be an interactive and family-friendly educational destination that transforms visitors into champions for loons and freshwater everywhere. To learn more about the National Loon Center, please visit www.nationallooncenter.org.

Compensation and Schedule Details

The Floating Classroom Captain position will be compensated \$20 per hour. The boat will operate from May 15, 2022 through September 15, 2022 and generally embark on two excursions per day, according to demand. We anticipate a few available captains, each taking on 10-30 hours per week, depending on availability and desired workloads.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The National Loon Center is committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in all forms. We place a high value on inclusion as a defining element of our mission and character. We will foster and maintain a safe workplace for employees and a welcoming environment for all guests.

Ability to Commute or Relocate

Candidates must be able to commute reliably or relocate before beginning employment. This position requires exclusively on-site work.

Application Process

Please email your cover letter, resume and two professional references as a single PDF document to info@nationallooncenter.org with the subject line: "NLC Floating Classroom Captain."