

Williams Expedition Senior Crew Role Description

# **Ships Doctor & Science Officer**



Job Title	
Reports to	
Appointed by	
Period of Appointment	

Ships Doctor & Science Officer (volunteer) Expedition Commander One-week selection voyage Up to 12 weeks on an Expedition leg

## Job Purpose Summary

To oversee the health of the crew on the Expedition, diagnose and treat as appropriate and offer initial medical management. To manage the preset science programme onboard.

### Key Responsibilities

Organisational

- To report on the health of the crew to the senior team, advising on crew care and suggest support responses to keep the crew going during the voyage
- To ensure the science programme is completed (weather and equipment permitting)
- Liaise with the No2 and watch keepers with regard to care plans of crew.

### Functional

- To treat crew as required
- To maintain medical records of treatment given to the crew
- To recommend rescue or recovery of crew members if required to the Expedition Cmdr
- To maintain the preset science programme, collecting data and communication it as necessary
- To help out when available with the function of sailing the vessel alongside crew members
- To advise crew on preventative measures to avoid health issues when going ashore.

### Conditions

The role will be full time onboard during the expedition passages and is a voluntary position. As part of the selection process candidates are asked to pledge £750 to Blyth Tall Ship as a contribution to its ongoing working and £2750 if selected for one of the main Expedition legs.

### **Personal Profile**

Required

- Be able to work below decks without getting seasick
- Primary medical qualification MBBS or equivalent
- Fully registered with GMC with no restriction on practice
- 4 years full time post registration experience in medical practice
- Demonstrable competence to deal with minor medical, surgical and orthopedic conditions
- Attend a relevant expedition medicine course prior to the expedition if required, if selected
- Be a compassionate and good listener
- Demonstrably enthusiastic about the Expedition and this Darwin position

### Useful

- Have experience of ocean sailing and wooden heritage vessels
- have a second language preferably Spanish.