Williams Expedition Senior Crew Role Description

Ships Doctor & Science Officer

Job Title  Ships Doctor & Science Officer (volunteer)
Reports to  Expedition Commander
Appointed by  One-week selection voyage
Period of Appointment  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.