



Williams Expedition Senior Crew Role Description

Watch Leader



Job Title	Watch Leader (volunteer)
Reports to	No 2
Appointed by	Expedition Commander after 1 week of sailing selection
Period of Appointment	Upto 12 weeks on an Expedition leg

Job Purpose Summary

To supervise, train, lead and maintain discipline with up to a 6 person watch team as part of the crew of the Williams II during a selection voyage around Britain. If selected to do the same for up to a 4 person watch team on a leg of the Williams Expedition.

Key Responsibilities

Organisational

- Agree the watch system onboard the vessel with the No2 and manage and train the watch team to fulfil it
- Ensure the watch supports the Ships Cook in preparation and clearing up of meals as required
- Ensure the watch maintains the engineering checks and repairs and maintenance as required and reports issues to the engineer
- Be part of the expedition senior team meetings as requested by the No2.

Functional

- Observe and maintain safe working practices at all times, working within the confines of good seamanship, the International Maritime Rules of the Road and the ships standing orders for safety checks and procedures
- Sail the boat and maintain the log in line with the passage plan during watches
- Be responsible for the watch team during port visits, ensuring shoreside duties are performed and any safety concerns or local briefings or specific local rules are observed
- Ensure the watch team maintain their equipment and bunks in good order for inspection by the Expedition Commander or No2 at regular intervals and are turned out in good order for shoreside visits or to welcome guests aboard.

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

- Hold a minimum of an RYA coastal skipper qualification or equivalent from organisations such as the MCA, RNLI or military
- Be able to function if seasick or not get seasick
- A compassionate and supportive leader who develops people and can be seen as a role model for inexperienced people
- Robust sailor able to cope with the worst conditions at sea and subzero temperatures
- Demonstrably enthusiastic about the heritage of rediscovering Antarctica ship building in Blyth and its global and national economic and cultural implications.

Useful

- Have worked with Young or disabled people
- Have sailed traditional Gaff rigged vessels.