



Deep Green Wilderness is seeking a full time **Chief Mate** for our Spring/Summer Sailing Season May - August 2025 onboard the sailing vessel *Orion*.

Deep Green Wilderness operates the historic yacht Orion conducting education voyages, community outreach and film production. Our program varies from single day to multi-week voyages.

Job Description

The Chief Mate is responsible for safe shipboard operations, teaching sailing curriculum, supervising students, boat chores and ensuring maintenance needs are addressed throughout the sailing season. Must love whales.

Position is open until filled and applicants are encouraged to express interest via phone or email as soon as possible.

Duties include but are not limited to

- Ensure safe shipboard operations while underway
- Train and supervise crew, interns and students in safe and effective seamanship and maintenance projects
- Keep records of maintenance needs and ensure that projects are completed
- Teach effective and engaging sailing, seamanship and navigation lessons
- Work with the captain and education director to create and execute additional lessons and activities and improve existing curriculum
- Work with captain and deckhands to ensure the safety of all program participants and crew
- Line handling, small boat maintenance and handling, steering, small repairs, deck stowing, sea stowing and troubleshooting
- Working with students on a variety of tasks and activities including sailing, research, cooking, cleaning, games, shore excursions, camp setup etc.
- Communicate effectively with crew, chaperones and program participants
- Assist with logistical and meal planning leading up to trips and underway
- Additional tasks as assigned by captain and education director

Qualifications

- USCG 50 Ton Inland Masters with Auxiliary sail preferred but not required
- A background in sailing and boat-based education
- An enthusiastic interest in using a sailboat to engage students and the public with the natural world
- Strong comfort level working with students on the water
- Effective troubleshooting and problem-solving skills
- Excellent verbal communication skills

- Flexibility and positive attitude
- Dedication to inclusiveness while working with students from a variety of backgrounds
- Interest and/or educational background in ecology, biology, environmental policy, marine science, or stewardship of marine ecosystems preferred
- Experience maintaining wooden sailing vessels
- A willingness to spend long periods of time living onboard in close quarters with other crew members and students
- A strong work ethic and willingness to help with all tasks involved in running the program smoothly
- A valid US Passport

Job Highlights:

- Traveling to beautiful places in the Salish Sea, often inaccessible without a boat
- Developing a strong sense of place by spending time exploring the area and connecting with people in many different professions, all of whom are invested in protecting the Salish Sea.
- Watching orcas, grizzly bears and all the cool birds from the deck of Orion
- Connecting to students from all over the country and helping them become stewards of the Salish Sea and the world at large
- Fun and supportive work environment
- Flexibility to develop new lessons over the course of the season
- Falling in love with North Pacific right whales

Job Challenges:

- Long periods of time away from the homeport in Seattle.
- Small living space to share with up to six students and three staff.
- Not much downtime on trips. Must be willing to cook, complete chores, teach science lessons, lead shore excursions, etc. on a daily basis.
- Working up to three weeks at a time with no off time while on trip.

After hiring a pre-employment drug test and enrollment in a random drug testing program is required by the USCG

Compensation is \$2,000 a month. Although little downtime is available during our programs time off is provided between trips. Orion will be available to live aboard.

**To apply send cover letter and resume to Kevin Campion
 kevin@deepgreenwilderness.com
 Please call or email with any questions
 (206) 228-3615**

Interviews will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis. The application period is November 25th – January 2nd 2023 but applicants are encouraged to call or email to express their interest and get their resume/cover letter to us as soon as they are able and. Please feel free to email kevin@deepgreenwilderness.com to let us know you intend to apply so we can anticipate receiving your resume/cover letter.

Orion's homeport is in Seattle, Washington and she spends her cruising season in the inland waters of Washington State and British Columbia.

About Deep Green Wilderness

Mission: To help the sea create change that is meaningful for the ecosystem, the community and the future.

Vision: A community that sustains and is sustained by a deep connection to marine wilderness.

Our team of experienced scientists and sailors has been providing students with live-aboard marine science, sailing and environmental education experiences on the Salish Sea aboard the 84-year-old sailing vessel, *Orion*, since 2010. The *Orion* is an ideal venue for teaching sailing, conducting scientific research and building confidence within our students. All of our programs take place on the Salish Sea with the majority of our time spent sailing in the Puget Sound and San Juan Islands.

Deep Green Wilderness Programs Include:

Summer whale research voyages: Multi-week voyages with teenagers learning marine ecology, conservation, marine policy and seamanship skills through the lens of whale research

Overnight trips with school groups: Up to one-week programs with classroom groups learning marine ecology, conservation, marine policy and seamanship skills.

Film Production: Producing films with a conservation message and marine ecology content. Find out more at <https://www.theunknownsea.com/dgw-films>

Festivals and events: Engaging the public about right whales and the Salish Sea through film screenings, tabling, and events

Day Sails: Natural History outings with a variety of groups

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Equal Opportunity Employer

Deep Green Wilderness does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, religion, sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, military, ancestry, marital status, age, citizenship, or any other basis unless based upon an occupational qualification in any of its policies or programs.

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