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## **Whale Rescue and Research Technician**

The Canadian Whale Institute is looking for the right individual to join our long standing whale rescue and research teams. The Whale Rescue Technician will respond with the team to reports of entangled whales and follow strict protocols that prioritize human safety while striving for the best outcome for the whales. The candidate must be willing to be on call and to travel throughout the Maritimes and Quebec. This position also includes significant work as a Whale Research Technician, participating in field research programs as needed, as well as assisting with all aspects of data collection and processing that may be required.

CWI is a registered charity and team members conduct activities to better understand and protect marine mammals and to promote awareness. Our focus is on public education, marine mammal research, and entangled whale response. This position is located on Campobello Island NB. It is full time, year round, grant funded position, with potential for annual renewal starting April 1, 2024. The salary is \$45,000 per year with full benefits and two weeks' vacation.

The ideal candidate will be able to participate in operations at sea, training seminars, data processing, administrative tasks. Experience operating small vessels, especially RHIBS, and any experience with whales and their behaviour will be a great asset for the applicant. We are looking for a team player with excellent communication skills, a level headed person with good situational awareness who remains calm under pressure. The job will require the individual to represent the Canadian Whale Institute and the Campobello Whale Rescue Team with the public and professional mariners at meetings, trade shows, presentations, promotional activities and to uphold the reputation of the organization and its mission.

### **Qualifications:**

- Experience working at sea and handling small boats
- Small Vessel Operator Proficiency Certificate (SVOP) or higher
- Domestic Vessel Safety or Marine Emergency Duties
- Marine Radio License Commercial (ROC-M)
- Marine First Aid
- Drivers license and clean driving record
- Must have a valid passport and be able to travel through the United States
- Ability to work and communicate well at sea and in a wide range of weather conditions
- Physically fit to execute the work of the position and able to work in the harsh marine environment, at times 50 nautical miles offshore in an open rigid hull inflatable boat
- Able to lift or pull 50 lbs (22 kg) at times
- Authorized to work in Canada

Highly Desirable Skills:

- Attention to detail
- Prior experience working with large marine animals
- Digital photography and video skills
- Excellent communication skills, able to follow directions and safety protocols
- Teaching and training experience
- Accurate record keeping
- Comfortable with basic computer Microsoft Office programs and database entry
- Able to assist with trailer, vessel and outboard engine maintenance, office and garage cleanup
- Weekends and scheduling flexibility required
- Experience handling lines under strain and knot tying

To apply for this position, please email your application to [info@canadianwhaleinstitute.ca](mailto:info@canadianwhaleinstitute.ca) with:

- 1) A cover letter explaining your motivation for applying for this position, how your prior experience qualifies you for the position, how you satisfy both the required and desirable qualifications;
- 2) Your resume detailing work experience;
- 3) The names of two professional references.

The position will remain posted until filled. Applications will be considered as received and we encourage all interested candidates to apply promptly.