



Call of the Sea (COTS)

Job Description: Deckhand/Educator-Galley Coordinator

Seasonal

Call of the Sea is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to providing on-the-water environmental education since 1984. Our mission is to expand ocean access and deepen understanding of marine conservation and nautical heritage.

We empower students of all ages and backgrounds to become environmental stewards and transform their world through science-based learning experiences on board our traditionally rigged tall ships, the brigantine *Matthew Turner* and schooner *Seaward*.

Call of the Sea hires and supports motivated staff who share backgrounds and experiences with the diverse communities we serve.

Compensation: \$3,226/month plus room and board, valued at \$888.00/month

Qualifications – Deckhand/Educator:

- Basic seamanship skills
- Willingness to work hard and follow instructions
- Eagerness to learn
- Experience working with youth
- Experience with community living
- Ability to work aloft
- Spanish language skills preferred

Qualifications – Galley Coordinator

- Experience cooking for 10+ people with a variety of dietary restrictions
- Good time management skills
- Experience provisioning within a set budget

Position Description: This is a liveaboard position working five days a week with two days off. We are hiring for three different seasons; you can apply to work for more than one season:

Spring: March 1, 2026 - June 9, 2026, this includes uprig and ed sails with local schools

Summer: June 7, 2026 - August 25, 2026, summer camps and possibly some short overnight trips

Fall: August 21, 2026 - November 20, 2026, ed sails with local schools and possibly some downrig

Matthew Turner (132 ft, 98 GT) is a wooden-hulled brigantine built in 2019 and certified by the USCG in 2020. She is one of the only electric hybrid USCG inspected passenger vessels in the U.S. *Matthew Turner* sails a robust daytime sailing schedule including ed sails, public sails, and private charters. There is the possibility of some short near coastal voyages during the summer.

Seaward (82 ft, 68 GT) is a steel-hulled staysail schooner built in 1988 with recently upgraded systems throughout. *Seaward* sails a robust daytime sailing schedule including ed sails, public sails, and private charters throughout the year, with the possibility of some near coastal voyages to Monterey in the summer.

The Galley Coordinator is expected to keep both vessels provisioned with food for crew and passengers, and to cook dinner for the crew five days a week. The crew of both vessels typically eat together on *Matthew Turner*. The remaining time in the work week will be spent working as a deckhand/educator.

Primary Responsibilities

- Weekly provisioning run, to ensure adequate food on both vessels for crew, volunteers, and passengers. This will include ordering some provisions from Costco
- Keep food costs within the budget
- Cook dinner for crew of both vessels (and a few volunteers) 5 times per week
- Ensure enough food for crew to prepare their own breakfast and lunch
- Maintain supply of snacks and drinks for passengers
- Maintain inventory of cleaning supplies and linens on both vessels
- Ensure proper cleaning practices on both vessels
- When voyaging on Matthew Turner provision for the voyage and prep all meals throughout the voyage.
- Keep reefers, freezers, and dry stores organized
- Ensure trash, recycles, and compost are dealt with correctly and trash log is updated
- Ensure galley is being properly maintained
- Ensure that snacks and drinks are put out for passengers sails
- Assist on deck and with educational programming during daysails
- Learn safety procedures and how to use safety equipment

COTS prides itself in its culture of inclusion. The highest standard of personal conduct and accountability is expected.

Call of the Sea abides by California and Federal law in regard to protected status of any type. These policies include, but are not limited to, hiring and termination of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and members of the public.

Hiring Process: Please fill out the form at <https://callofthesea.org/work-with-us/> and submit a cover letter, resume and references.