

Dunkirk Little Ships Restoration Trust

Volunteer Role Profile



Name of Role: Dunkirk Little Ships' Volunteer

Description of Role: This general role is for people who are happy to do a variety of tasks to help preserve our fantastic Dunkirk Little Ship for the future and ensure that visitors have enjoyable and memorable visits.

Reporting to: Designated Team Leader

Sample Tasks:

- General cleaning of the ships, including polishing brass and more mundane cleaning.
- Painting, as necessary to support the Deckhands.
- Welcoming visitors and helping to ensure their safety whilst on board or in the workshop.
- Sharing information about the Dunkirk Little Ships with visitors, including their history and such basics as finding your way around.
- Supporting specific activities on board, such as family activities or special events.

Please note that this is a deliberately general role and we assume that volunteers will be more interested in some tasks than others. We hope to be able to accommodate volunteers' particular interests so long as the essential and more mundane tasks are covered.

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The Small Print

Challenge is a working vessel and working on other Dunkirk Little Ships is physically demanding so it is only fair to make volunteers aware that this role is not one for someone anticipating sipping gin in a tranquil environment.

Work Environment:

Getting around a ship inevitably involves climbing ladders, bending and kneeling and some exposure to heavy and noisy machinery and maintenance equipment. Awareness of risk and the ability to work with a low level of supervision is essential.

When at sea there is obviously the possibility of sea sickness, but we do welcome volunteers who can help during the year but don't want to go on sailings.

Health and Safety:

Your own safety and that of those around you is paramount. Specific safety equipment is provided according to the task in hand (hard hats, goggles, hearing protection etc.). However, you are responsible for providing your own suitable protective clothing and other clothing suitable for your role.