

S.T. Challenge

Volunteer Role Profile



Name of Role: Engine Room Volunteer

Description of Role: Engine Room Volunteers contribute significantly to the safe running of Challenge by helping to maintain the ship's machinery in good working order. This allows Challenge to continue to go to sea and helps preserve this wonderful heritage steam tug (one of the Dunkirk Little Ships) for the benefit of visitors and future generations.

Reporting to: Chief Engineer

Sample Tasks:

- To dismantle, repair and rebuild machinery according to a regular maintenance programme.
- To undertake careful cleaning, painting and polishing of historic machinery.
- To keep up to date with any relevant training
- To keep the Chief Engineer informed of any issues that arise, especially Health and Safety issues.
- Other tasks as agreed with the Designated Team Leader and for the benefit of Challenge.

Please see over for the small print about working conditions on board Challenge, which should not be seen as a deterrent to this rewarding activity.

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The Small Print

Challenge is a working vessel and so it is only fair to make volunteers aware that this role is not one for someone anticipating sipping gin in a tranquil environment. For those who enjoy a physical challenge and don't mind getting a bit dirty, it is highly rewarding.

Work Environment:

When not in operation, the machinery spaces can be very hot, but when not in operation the spaces reflect seasonal temperature variations and we work on the engines throughout the year.

Since Challenge is a boat, getting around her inevitably involves climbing ladders, bending and kneeling and 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 working gear (boiler suits, protective footwear, gloves etc).