

Shipwright Team Member

Restoration of the Thames Sailing Barge Raybel

Purpose: Raybel Charters is looking to appoint another member of its growing team to restore the Thames sailing barge Raybel at Milton Creek, Kent. The person appointed will: -

- Work with and support the directors, project manager and shipwrights to deliver the restoration
- Contribute to the engagement of volunteers and young people on the project.

The role to be contracted on a self-employed basis

Duration and hours: The contract is for a 12 month calendar year period between end February 2020 to end February 2021. We are offering the post as a 5 days a week, 46-week year, at 35 hours per week. The role requires flexibility and it will be necessary to work some weekends and evenings. However, we will also consider applications from people wishing to undertake the work on a part-time basis, of at least three days per week.

Fee: A total fee of £22,000 is offered (pro-rate if part-time). Contractors will be expected to take responsibility for their own National Insurance and Tax liabilities and are expected to hold personal liability insurance.

Line Manager: A nominated director of Raybel Charters CIC

Location: The restoration will take place at Lloyd Wharf, Milton Creek, Sittingbourne. Lloyd Wharf is also the location of the Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum, which is being used as a project base.

Background Information:

The Restoration of Thames Sailing Barge Raybel is a three-year project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore the barge, interpret its history and deliver a programme of community activities and events. A key element of the project is to develop the volunteer capacity of Raybel Charters CIC.

The main restoration tasks to be carried out are:

- Restoration / replacement of bow timbers and topsides
- Replacement of deck planking, rails and covering boards
- Replacement of the 'outer wale' strengthening timbers
- Replacement of doubling at the bottom of the barge
- Reconstruction of the aft hatch above the Master's cabin, bowsprit, mizzen and rudder

Tasks and Responsibilities:

The main tasks and responsibilities of the post are to:

- Assist in the restoration tasks
- Undertake the day to day operation and maintenance of Raybel and the Dolphin Barge Museum site.

- Provide guidance and support to volunteers and young people on work placements
- Contribute to other project activities including open-barge days, exhibitions, group talks and community events
- Fulfil all relevant Health and Safety requirements

Health and Safety

Contractors must be aware of the responsibilities placed on them under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974), and to ensure that agreed safety procedures are carried out to maintain a safe environment for employees, visitors and all others. All staff have a responsibility to manage risk within their sphere of responsibility. Contractors are accountable, through the terms and conditions of their employment, and statutory health and safety regulations, and are responsible for reporting incidents, being aware of the risk management strategy and emergency procedures and attendance at training as required.

Person Specification

The successful contractor will demonstrate evidence of:

Requirement	Essential	Desirable
Skills		
A mix of carpentry metalworking, plumbing and /or electrical skills	X	
Boat handling / sailing		X
Experience		
Experience of restoring timber sailing ships		X
Experience of restoring Thames sailing barges		X
Experience of working with volunteers		X
Experience of delivering training programmes		X
Personal Qualities		
Effective interpersonal, communication and team skills.	X	
Ability to self-motivate and organise and balance priorities	X	
Enthusiastic, approachable	X	
Other		
Possession of a current First Aid Certificate		X
An up to date DBS check or willingness to undertake one	X	

Applying for the post

Applicants should send a short summary of their experience and interest to info@raybelcharters.com to arrive by end 17th February. Interviews, if necessary, will be held in week of 24th February.