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Warnock Model Boat Pond Volunteer

Objective: The Warnock Model Boat Pond is part of Columbia River Maritime Museum campus where visitors of all ages learn the basics of how boats work using radio-controlled sailboats and power boats on our shallow pond. Volunteers assist our guests with the basic parts of the sailboat and how it operates and provide a safe, guided experience as guests learn the basics of sailing. There is no cost or museum admission for this activity, but we do ask for and collect donations.

The volunteer will be able to physically stand and walk on level pavement, maneuver signs up a small incline on the sidewalk, and be able to lift sailboats out of the pond.

General duties:

- The volunteer will arrive about 15 minutes before opening time to check in with the front desk and obtain the key and donation jar from the Volunteer Office. The key and donation jar will be returned after closing the pond.
- The volunteer will proceed to the pond area and prepare the boats for sailing, put the buoys in the pond, and check the weather (wind conditions). They put out the large sign and banner and sign in on the visitor log clipboard.
- The volunteer will greet visitors and teach them about the parts of the sailboat and how the radio-controlled sailboats work through a short orientation discussion and demonstration.
- The volunteer will drain any water and wipe down each boat after each sailing.
- The volunteer will prepare the boats for storage, record the number of visitors to the visitor log, and bring in any signs or items around the pond area.

Training: Volunteers attend a training session in the spring before the Boat Pond opens for the season (usually from Memorial Day through Labor Day).

Time Commitment: Shifts are two hours mid-day or afternoon, weather permitting. Volunteers are notified if the weather conditions are such that we need to close the pond.

Who to Report to: Volunteer Coordinator, Education Supervisor, Education Director