



**The Watch Leader Program:  
An Education Internship at the *Joseph Conrad* Overnight Sailing Camp**

The *Joseph Conrad* Overnight Sailing Camp at Mystic Seaport Museum is seeking three college interns with interests in maritime history, environmental studies, marine science, art, or other related fields of study. This year Conrad Camp will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> year of fostering youth development and connection to place through maritime training. In this unique residential sailing program, campers sleep aboard the historic sailing ship *Joseph Conrad*, learn to sail a dinghy, and have the opportunity to participate in maritime history, astronomy, and environmental science programming. Launched in 1882, the *Joseph Conrad* spent the majority of her life as a sail training vessel. We'll spend each week of camp learning what life aboard was like for those young mariners.

The program is seeking three highly motivated college students to serve as camp counselors for the 2019 camp season. The time commitment is June 3-Aug. 23. **The program is ideal for candidates with an interest in teaching, outdoor education, sailing education, maritime history, marine science, art, and/or museum studies.**

**Responsibilities:**

- Serve as a caring and open-minded role model for campers aged 10-15 and mentor Counselors in Training (CITs) aged 16-18.
- Live in semi-private cabins aboard the (renovated) historic vessel *Joseph Conrad* during two weeks of staff training and nine weeks of camp.
- Supervise residential campers.
- Aid instructors in teaching sailing lessons and other activities on land and on the water. Plan and co-teach innovative lessons under the guidance of camp instructors.
- Oversee the camp's compliance with Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas initiative.
- Participate in activities including sailing, climbing the ship's rigging, operating a safety powerboat (training provided), maritime skill lessons, skit nights, and other camp games.
- Assist counselors in creating and carrying out the Apprentice Program: an in-depth week long study for campers interested in Marlinspike Seamanship, Art, Marine Science, Astronomy, or other interest areas.
- Adhere to all camp safety guidelines and set a positive example for campers.
- Participate in basic equipment maintenance and other routine camp duties.
- Watch Leaders work Sunday-Friday as part of the camp staff "watch system," which includes significant blocks of time off every day. A willingness to work a flexible schedule according to the needs of the camp is essential. Watch Leaders get one full weekend off during the summer.

**Necessary Qualifications:**

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Experience with and enthusiasm for working with youth

- Coursework or equivalent experience in ecology, marine biology, environmental science, astronomy, oceanography, maritime history, art, or related fields
- Sailing experience, or the willingness to learn about the sport before staff training begins
- Connecticut safe boating certification, or willingness to obtain
- The ability to work outdoors in hot, cold, muddy, and wet conditions
- The ability to help lift small sailboats and other equipment
- Swimming ability
- Strong teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills; patience, flexibility, and a great sense of humor

**Desirable Qualifications:**

- Experience working in summer camp settings
- Experience supervising youth in a residential setting
- Informal teaching experience
- US Sailing Level 1 instructor certification
- Lifeguard certification

**Compensation:**

Watch Leaders receive a \$4848 stipend as well as comfortable shipboard housing and three meals per day at the museum restaurant\*. If needed, First Aid/CPR, Connecticut Safe Boater Certificate, and US Sailing Level 1 instructor certification are provided during staff training at no cost.

Watch Leaders enjoy behind-the-scenes access to museum grounds, facilities, and extensive collections. Water safety, leadership, and youth development training are included as part of summer staff training.

**Additional Benefits:**

Spend your summer in a picturesque New England maritime town! Newport, RI is just an hour away and a train station within walking distance runs directly to Boston and New York. Camp staff enjoys the use of our fleet of kayaks, sailboats, and row boats. Summer interns with an interest in any aspects of maritime history including ships, engines, music, art, or other crafts have the opportunity to explore the museum’s research collections.

**To Apply:**

Fill out the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/YbADg1pybLePQLkB2>

Questions are welcome by email or phone: 860-572-5369, [elizabeth.sistare@mysticseaport.org](mailto:elizabeth.sistare@mysticseaport.org)

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Preferred candidate review begins March 4, 2019.

\*Meals provided only while camp is in session. You are responsible for your own meals Friday night through Sunday morning. The Sailing Center is equipped with a full kitchen, washing machine, and dryer.