

Position Description: Skipper

Work with On Board in some of Tasmania's most spectacular wilderness areas, where every day is a different adventure – led by you.

On Board offers bespoke expedition cruises to Tasmania's remotest corners, including the world-heritage wilderness of Port Davey, southwest Tasmania. Our 4 and 6-night wilderness experiences are intimate and immersive, led by a small, talented team who cherish and care for Tasmania's wild places – and who want to share them with like-minded travellers who have a taste for adventure.

On Board, which has been operating since 2015, is Tasmanian-owned and family-run. Expeditions are conducted from a 24m expedition catamaran, which hosts up to 12 guests, led by a crew including Skipper, Lead Guide, Host & Chef. Each day, guests explore the wilds on tender and shore excursions – then retire to the comforts of a brand-new expedition vessel to enjoy fine Tasmanian fare and wine from a soft lounge.

On Board is recruiting now for trips departing from December to May. Rosters require a minimum commitment of 5 days per trip. Over the season, crew members may do between two or ten trips, depending on preference and availability.

We're seeking a down-to-earth and enthusiastic Skipper with a keen eye for detail and a sense of adventure.

You'll have a passion for delivering the very best experience for our guests, going above and beyond to ensure our bucket-list journey is memorable and meaningful. Given the remote locations we operate in, the Skipper will have a can-do attitude and exceptional problem-solving skills. The ability to form strong connections and provide individual, quality attention and warm interactions with our guests is also essential.

The Skipper is responsible for the overall control of the vessel Odalisque and for ensuring the safety, health, welfare and entertainment of all guests and crew during the expedition cruise. Our Skipper is also hands-on in delivering the day-to-day guest experience, supporting the Lead Guide to take guests into the wilderness tender and shore excursions in the wilderness, and supporting with bar service and housekeeping.

The ideal candidate for this key role will have the following skills, experience & qualifications:

- Excellent interpersonal and problem-solving skills
- Marine tourism experience in a similar role
- Well-developed customer service, leadership, and teamwork skills
- Passion for nature, people and providing exceptional experiences
- Unflappable under pressure and ability to resolve conflict in a calm, proactive manner
- Master <24m NC
- Marine Engine Driver Grade II
- Provide First Aid certificate
- Marine Radio (Long Range) Operators Certificate
- Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificate or ability to obtain
- Working with vulnerable people registration or ability to obtain

Duties & responsibilities include:

- Ultimate responsibility for the safety of guests, crew, environment and vessel
- Ensure safe navigation of 24m catamaran, Odalisque III
- Safe operation and routine maintenance of plant and equipment, including watermaker
- Supervise the crew and entertain passengers
- Ensure safe operation and maintenance of tender vessels (6m aluminium "tinnies")
- Maintain overall cleanliness of all vessels
- Assist passengers in embarking/disembarking from any vessel
- In partnership with Host, assist Lead Guide on water and land-based excursions, ensuring guest comfort and safety
- Provide interpretation to guests on the destination's history, flora & fauna, wildlife & places of interest
- Complete routine daily operational safety checklists
- Daily communication with Hobart office from vessel in conjunction with Host
- Dine with guests regularly as the schedule will permit – especially lunch and dinner
- Assist host as required with bar service, galley support, laundry and housekeeping of cabins and lounge areas.
- Receive, manage and action any complaints/issues from crew and guests, with the support of the Host

To find out more or express your interest in the position, please send an email to hello@onboardexpeditions.com.au