Crafts – Paint Apprentice

Saunders Yachtworks, Gulf Shores

Position Description

We are seeking a motivated entry-level individual to join our Crafts Department as a Paint Apprentice. This position is designed for someone who is eager to learn the trade and develop into a skilled Marine Painter. Working alongside an experienced craftsperson, the apprentice will gain hands-on experience with a wide range of interior and exterior repair, restoration, and refit projects on vessels up to 120 feet.

Responsibilities

- Prep, application and fairing of body work
- Operate electric and pneumatic tools to grind down damaged areas
- Prep and apply putty systems
- Block out repairs and bring surfaces fair
- Mix, set up, prep, and apply primers and topcoats
- Wet sand and buff out repair areas and blemishes
- Set up of scaffolding, tenting, and ventilation
- Maintain detailed records of daily activities and reports
- Assign parts and purchases to the appropriate vessel/tickets
- In the area of fiberglass, learn how to build custom parts and components for installation and repair of fiberglass damage
- Conduct thorough assessment prior to starting a job including acknowledging the budgeted time
- Maintain a clean and organized work environment to promote safety and efficiency
- Flexibility in work assignments that may include crossover into areas within crafts such as carpentry work

Education and/or Work Experiences Requirements

- High school diploma or GED required

Qualifications

- Excellent attention to detail and commitment to quality craftsmanship
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment
- Must be able to lift heavy materials, stand for extended periods during work hours, and climb up and down stairs and scaffold on land and on a vessel
- Ability to work from heights
- Ability to work in hot/cold weather
- Ability to be fit for a respirator
- Pass a background check, pre-employment physical to include clearance to wear a respirator, and drug screen
- Valid Driver’s license

Saunders Yachtworks provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran.

Company Description
Saunders Yachtworks in Gulf Shores, Alabama is the premier full-service boatyard on the Northern Gulf Coast. Our 150-ton Travelift attracts customers from Florida to Chicago to the Texas coast. Services include all aspects of vessel refit and repair including authorized diesel engine dealerships in-house. Founded in Mobile, Alabama, in 1959, Saunders has many years of experience in marine engine service and boatyard operations. This is a great opportunity for you to join an exceptional team!