



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title:** Senior Aquarist  
**Department:** Marine Operations  
**Report To:** Assistant Curator of Exhibits  
**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

### **Position Overview**

Become a lead member of our Aquarist team at Coral World Ocean Park in sunny St Thomas, US Virgin Islands. We are looking for an experienced candidate that will carry out husbandry duties for the many animals and exhibits we offer to our guests. This demanding job requires attention to detail, time management skills, supervisory responsibilities and a positive attitude that can be shared with our visitors.

### **Principal Duties and Responsibilities (Essential Functions\*\*):**

- Supervises the aquarium department under the Assistant Curator
- Must be able to complete all the duties of an Aquarist.
- Directing and supervising the daily care, maintenance and aesthetic upkeep of the park's animal exhibits and collection including but not limited to corals, fish, rays, sharks, sea turtles and many others
- Creating daily schedules for all Aquarist Team tasks and assignments, Encounter Programs, and coordination with veterinary team needs
- Plans and leads collection dives as well as supervision of quarantine procedures for new specimens and exhibits
- Husbandry tasks including performing observational rounds, diet preparation, disease recognition, and necropsies
- Maintaining and managing daily record keeping in accordance with established procedures
- Conducts and attends required staff meetings
- Participates and assists in special events and educational programs
- Manages and inventories equipment, supplies and food stock associated with department's needs and tasks and procures any necessary supplies
- Assists with coordination between the veterinary staff and aquarium department and attends weekly rounds with veterinary staff as well as coordinating treatments and quarterly animal health physicals
- Works in keeping a team environment and assist other departments of the park, as needed

### **Supervisory Responsibility**

Supervises members of the Exhibits Division.

### **Physical Requirements**

- The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by the employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

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- Ability to see and hear; stand, walk, stoop, kneel, swim, and crouch; use arms and hands; handle objects, tools, and controls; and sit. Ability to lift and move 50 pounds.

### **Position Type and Expected Hours of Work**

This is a full-time position. Days and hours are scheduled based on the needs of the company.

### **Qualifications & Skills**

#### *REQUIRED:*

- Bachelor's degree in Marine Biology, Zoology, Biology, or related field
- Minimum of 6 years professional experience in an aquarium or marine-related field
- Must be physically fit, able to lift 50 lbs, and able to pass a swim test
- Open Water SCUBA certification required from accredited agency
- Must be a team player with strong communication skills, have a positive attitude, and an outgoing personality, with the ability to work well unsupervised
- Must be aware of the challenges of living on a Caribbean island (high cost of living, working in the sun and heat all day, etc.)
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Excel
- Flexible with non-traditional schedules and able to work weekends and holidays and overtime
- Must be able to work in the U.S.

#### *PREFERRED*

- Wants to work in the Hospitality Industry

#### *SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS*

- Must be willing to work overtime, holidays, and weekends as requested by manager.
- Must be a team player and be able to get along with others.
- Must be personable, courteous and able to work under pressure.

**Please submit cover letter, resume, and references by email to be considered for the position. References required. Please include the job title in the subject line.**

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