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| Classic Boat Museum Volunteer Role Outline Research Assistant |
| **Location** You will be based at the Gallery in East Cowes. There may be times when we ask if you would like to go across to the Boat Shed in Cowes to undertake specific tasks as there is work to be done researching and describing our boats and documenting the restoration taking place. |
| **Times, days and frequency we’d like you to be available** This is a flexible role which you can carry out regularly by committing to a specific weekly session or you may wish to attend the museum less frequently. More sessions will be available if you can commit to them. This role can also be combined with additional roles we have on offer such as Front of House. We also hold volunteer coffee mornings, celebration events and training days. |
| **Line management**Our volunteers are managed by the Chair/Deputy Chair. You will also have a key volunteer contact within your area who you can turn to for advice and support about your role. These ‘senior’ volunteers have been with us for a number of years and are a friendly face to help you within the day to day running of our museum. |
| **Purpose of role**To support our curatorial teams with research tasks that bring alive the stories of our maritime island.  |
| **Tasks involved in this role**Carry out research within our own archives and those held by other organisations and museums whom we may be working with. Support the curatorial team by making such research available for use in interpretation of objects for display in our museum as part of specific exhibitions. Through our training, use your integrity and judgement when crediting the work of other researchers and collection curators.  |
| **Skills and abilities**You do not need to know about boats or yachting! An enthusiasm for heritage and history would be useful but the most important part is that you understand the process of research and enjoy using it to look for the stories behind our objects. This will require good digital skills and probably a love of reading about history. If you do have any other specialist knowledge or skills that we might be able to use, then please do mention them to us. |
| **How we will support you**We will offer training in research techniques and digital skills. You will find that our volunteers are a friendly and supportive group who are passionate about our museum and are integral to its success. Volunteers take an active role in decisions relating to how our museum is run and are able to get involved in exhibitions and events throughout the year. As a volunteer with us you will receive complementary tea and coffee whilst volunteering and you and your family will receive free entry to the museum.We offer opportunities to take part in training and hold regular volunteer events to say thank you for supporting us. |
| **Further Information:**If you are interested in this or any other role, please contact us to discuss on:Telephone: 07738 990 160Email: victoria@maritimeisle.orgWe look forward to hearing from you. |