

Position Title: Scuba Diver/Dive Tender Intern

Agency: Friends of Virgin Islands National Park

Position Type: Part-time, averaging 20-25 hours per week

Pay Rate: \$24/hour

Primary Responsibilities: The Diver/Dive Tender will work with the NPS Virgin Islands National Park Dive Team to inspect and service mooring, regulatory and other public safety buoys in the park and Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument. The incumbent may also support other activities within the Natural Resources Division such as air and water quality monitoring, public safety and park access, coral reef and salt pond restoration, scientific natural and cultural resource monitoring, etc.

If selected for the position, the Dive Tender will:

- Obtain certifications to qualify as an NPS 'Blue Card' Scuba Diver to support commercial and scientific dive operations: Open Water Scuba Certification, first aid, CPR/AED, oxygen administration and medical-physical fitness exam*.
- Complete the NPS OSHA commercial dive standard course (facilitated on-line course/pass written and verbal test).
- Participate two days per week (average) on park dive team as commercial or scientific diver.
- Participate one day every two weeks with natural resource projects, i.e. SCTLD, air/water quality monitoring, bacteria monitoring, etc.
- Promote environmental education, stewardship and community outreach to park visitors, especially mariners.
- Maintain weekly log of NPS duties and hours for bi-weekly submission.
- Provide buoy service and other natural resource activity photos and captions for monthly posting to social media.

Project Management Responsibilities: The Diver/Dive Tender will be a part-time employee of the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park and will work directly with the Park Dive Officer. The park will provide office space and conduct most of the required training courses needed to qualify as a Diver/Dive Tender for both commercial and scientific dive operations. The Friends organization will be responsible for purchases, human resources, and financial accounting for the project.

Desired Qualifications:

- Ability to provide two, on-island references that can speak about the candidate's character, professionalism, and integrity.
- Ability to operate a 26' dive boat with twin outboard engines is preferred.
- Experience with recreational, commercial, scientific or public service SCUBA diving; (provide all certifications and dive log with application).

*Many (if not all) certifications can be obtained after the selection is made and the incumbent will be paid while obtaining them, including the medical examination, and possibly including an initial Open-Water Scuba Certification. The ideal candidate will already hold a scuba certification.

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park is an equal opportunity employer welcoming all qualified candidates to apply for listed positions and opportunities.

Please send a cover letter (describing your interest and qualifications) and resume to Mark Gestwicki at mgestwicki@friendsvinp.org

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