

Wisconsin Maritime Museum

Location: 75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Job Title: Visitor Engagement Assistant

Reports to: Visitor Engagement Supervisor & the Engagement Team

Job Type: Part-time year round (16-32 hours per week)

Compensation: \$13/hr

Application Deadline: July 20th, 2026

Position Description and Expectations

- **Deliver high-quality customer service:**
 - Provide a personable, approachable, and motivated presence at the front desk.
 - Confidently communicate with all museum stakeholders, including guests, members, volunteers, and staff.
 - Efficiently operate the front desk's point-of-sale system, including cash, credit, and digital transactions
 - Lead public guided tours of the museum's historic WWII submarine, USS *Cobia*.
 - Answer the museum's main phone line, answering inquiries and directing calls as appropriate.
- **Collaborate effectively with the Engagement Team:**
 - Assist museum colleagues with administrative tasks and special projects as needed.
 - Demonstrate flexibility, problem-solving skills, and a positive attitude in a fast-paced environment.
 - Demonstrate proficient written and oral communication skills.
- **Front-line & retail operations:**
 - Maintain cleanliness and visual appeal of the front desk and museum store.
 - Assist with stocking and inventory management in the museum store as needed.
 - Perform other duties as reasonably requested by the Visitor Engagement Supervisor and the Engagement Team.
- Bring and/or cultivate a passion for educating the public on Great Lakes maritime history, USS *Cobia* & WWII, Manitowoc's shipbuilding legacy, and underwater archaeology.

Desired start date of August 3rd, 2026.

This job description is intended to convey information essential to understanding the scope of the Visitor Engagement Assistant (VEA) position and it is not intended to be an exhaustive list of qualifications, duties, or responsibilities associated with the job.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Wisconsin Maritime Museum was founded more than 50 years ago as a small submariners' memorial that would recognize Wisconsin's contributions to WWII efforts. Since then, we've grown to be one of the largest maritime museums in the Great Lakes region, with exhibits on shipwrecks, maritime industry, ship models, art and more. The institution is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Our mission is to connect all people with Wisconsin's waterways, by engaging and educating the public about the Great Lakes, Wisconsin's maritime history, Wisconsin's World War II submarines and USS Cobia.

ABOUT MANITOWOC

Located along the western shore of Lake Michigan, Manitowoc is a vibrant community of nearly 40,000 residents with a thriving downtown filled with unique restaurants and business. The city is 90 minutes north of Milwaukee and 40 minutes south of Green Bay. Shipbuilding has played a role in Manitowoc's past from the schooners of the 19th century, to the world-class, luxury yachts built by Burger Boat Company of today. Stroll the riverwalk to the lake and watch freighters move tons of materials in and out of our hard working port.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION

The Wisconsin Maritime Museum is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on race, gender identity, age, class, sexuality, religion, ability or national origin. WMM is committed to advancing equity and diversity both in the organization and in the museum field. We welcome applications from BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) candidates, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals and others with experience in meaningful diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility engagement.

Don't meet every single requirement? At the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, we are dedicated to building a diverse, inclusive, and authentic workplace, so if you're excited about this role but your experience doesn't align perfectly with every qualification in the job description, we encourage you to apply anyways. Let us know in your cover letter how your experience makes you a good fit for us. You may be just the right candidate for this or other roles!

Inquiries and Applications:

Please email questions to jmichalek@wisconsinmaritime.org

Applicants should send applications, resumes and cover letters to jmichalek@wisconsinmaritime.org by **July 20th, 2026**.