

# 2026 Dolphin Fleet Seasonal Paid Internship

## Whale Watch Operations & Naturalist Support

**Location:** Provincetown, MA

Dolphin Fleet Whale Watch, located in Provincetown, Massachusetts, is now accepting applications for **Seasonal Paid Interns** for the **2026 whale watching season**. This **10-week, paid internship** runs from **late May through August** (dates flexible) and offers immersive, hands-on experience aboard an active whale watch vessel while working alongside our experienced crew and naturalist team.

This opportunity is open to **college students, recent graduates, and anyone 18+** who enjoys working outdoors, thrives in a team environment, and has an interest in **marine science, ocean conservation, and public education**. Applicants with strong interpersonal skills, confidence speaking with the public, and strong organizational abilities are especially encouraged to apply.

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## Position Overview

Interns rotate through multiple onboard roles, gaining experience both on deck and in passenger education. The position averages **40 hours per week** and includes weekdays, weekends, holidays, and occasional evenings. **Workdays can be long and physically demanding**, especially during peak season, and require adaptability, energy, and a positive attitude.

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## Is This Right for You?

This internship may be a great fit if you:

- Enjoy long, active days and working outdoors in varying weather
  - Are comfortable being on the water and aboard a moving vessel
  - Work well as part of a close-knit team
  - Enjoy interacting with the public and sharing information
  - Can stay organized and focused in a fast-paced environment
  - Are eager to learn from an experienced maritime and naturalist crew
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## Responsibilities

### Deckhand / Galley (approximately 2 days per week):

- Operate and manage the onboard galley
- Assist with passenger needs, safety, and overall guest experience
- Support deck operations as needed
- Maintain organization and cleanliness in a busy onboard setting

### Naturalist Assistant (approximately 2 days per week):

- Assist onboard naturalists with marine education and interpretation
- Collect, record, and organize whale and marine mammal sighting data used in ongoing whale research efforts
- Support behavioral observations and ensure data accuracy during trips
- Engage with passengers and assist with public presentations
- **Optional:** Assist with social media and digital outreach, such as capturing photos or short videos and sharing educational content
- Develop public speaking, educational, organizational, and outreach skills while working closely with experienced naturalists

Additional duties may include general vessel support and teamwork across departments.

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## Qualifications

- Must be **18 years or older**
  - Comfortable working on the water in varying weather conditions
  - Able to work long days and maintain professionalism throughout shifts
  - Strong interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills
  - Interest in marine life, conservation, and education
  - Ability to work weekends, holidays, and occasional evenings
  - Must pass a **mandatory drug test**
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## What We Offer

- **Pay: \$16.00 per hour**
  - Paid, hands-on experience in whale watch operations
  - Training and mentorship from an experienced crew and naturalists
  - Direct participation in data collection supporting ongoing whale research
  - Experience in public education and optional outreach
  - A dynamic, outdoor work environment on the water
  - **Housing is not provided; applicants must secure their own housing**
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## How to Apply

Ready to join our team? Please submit the following:

1. **Cover letter**, including a brief statement of interest (1–2 paragraphs) explaining why you're excited about this internship and what you hope to gain
2. **CV**
3. **Two letters of recommendation** (academic or professional references preferred)

Send all materials to: **aspence@whalewatch.com**

- Use the subject line: *"2026 Whale Watch Internship – [Your Name]"*
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with **priority review given to applications received within the first four weeks of posting.**

*Optional:* If you have experience with social media, photography, or educational outreach, feel free to include links or examples.