

**Title:** Aquarist

**Company/Organization:** Coral World Ocean Park

**Location:** St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

**Description**

Be part of our marine operations department at Coral World Ocean Park! We are seeking a friendly, motivated aquarist to join our staff. The position we are seeking to fill will need a high degree of creativity as we seek innovative and unique ways to display Caribbean reef inhabitants to the public. Our marine ops staff members fill a variety of roles within the park, which provides the opportunity to build a broad base of skills.

**Responsibilities include:**

- Daily care and maintenance of the park's animal collection including fish, rays, sharks, sea turtles and parrots among others
- Conduct public talks and feeding demonstrations with the animals, including animal interaction programs
- Collect specimens for aquatic exhibits and assist with designing new exhibits
- Diet preparation
- Maintain accurate records
- Maintain exhibits and pools, including the use of SCUBA
- Participate in special events and educational programs
- Assist with the rescue and rehabilitation of marine creatures including sea turtles
- Work in a team environment and assist in all areas of the park, as needed

**Requirements**

- Minimum of 2 years experience in a public aquarium or marine-related field
- Must be physically fit, able to lift 50 lbs, and able to pass a swim test
- Advanced SCUBA certification required
- Must be a team player, have a positive attitude, and an outgoing personality, with the ability to work well unsupervised
- Bachelor's degree in Marine Biology, Biology, or related field preferred
- 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.)

\*\*This is a very physically demanding job requiring long periods of time working outdoors, daily exposure to sun, wind and saltwater, and diving and swimming daily.

References required - No phone calls please  
Please submit resume and cover letter by email

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