

Information about becoming a crew member for Mel Fisher's Dive Team on the Atocha & Margarita Wreck Sites

What are we looking for today:

We are currently still working the Atocha and Margarita wreck sites searching for the remaining treasure and other cargo. This would include 100's of silver bars, 100,000 silver coins, at least (8) 4,000 lb bronze cannons, and approximately 60 lbs of smuggled Columbian Emeralds as well as many of the rich passengers personal belongings and cargo. The search has continued for so long because the wreck sites are spread out over 8 miles of ocean bottom and we continue to extend the current trails.

About the job:

Our crew members are all subcontractors and have their own corporation and we ask for at least a one-year commitment to the job. If you don't have a corporation, we can assist you in establishing one. You must pass a drug test in order to start work. We run drug & alcohol free vessels with a zero tolerance policy. Starting pay for a crewmember is \$500 per week. You will also receive one half of one percent of the treasure found while you are working on the boat as long as you complete the one-year period. There are also cash bonuses paid for treasure found.

We do all no-decompression dives on SCUBA following the PADI dive tables. You will be diving in water from 20-60 feet most of the time. While at sea we work from sunup to sundown. Food is provided while at sea but not in port. All crew members take turns cooking dinner each night during the trip. The boats are at sea from 5-10 days on average per trip but may on occasion be at sea for up to 14 days if the weather is extremely good. Upon returning to port, the crew takes a day or two off then gets the boat ready for the next trip. During the summer months we will be at sea most of the time. In the winter months, when we are in port for extended periods of time, the crew will work on the boats 5-6 days a week, 6-10 hours each day depending on the maintenance required. All of the ships maintenance is performed by the boat crews and would include but is not limited to the following: grinding, chipping and painting, changing oil & filters and any other type of mechanical work that is needed. In most cases, if you don't know how to do it, we will train you but be prepared for hard work.

If hired, this is what you would need to bring with you to start:

You will need to bring all your own SCUBA equipment, EXCEPT dive tanks. This would include: BC, regulator w/octopus, mask, fins, snorkel, weight belt, wetsuit, boots & hood for cold weather, knee pads, knife, compass, pressure gauge, dive computer or dive timer. Crewmembers are allowed to live onboard while in port and I suggest bringing a minimum of items with you due to the limited storage space. Each crewmember has a bunk and a small storage area. It is helpful if you have a vehicle because our boats are docked on Stock Island, which is located a few miles from downtown Key West. You are required to have reliable personal transportation to get you to and from the boats. Applicants that are being considered for these positions will have background checks done prior to being hired and by submitting this application you agree to allow us to do such a check for security purposes.

If you are interested in becoming a crew member, please fill out the diver application form and email a resume to DIVERS@MELFISHER.COM: