



Green Fleet Coach Job Description

The goal of the Seattle Yacht Club Green Fleet is to introduce young sailors to racing in a welcoming and fun environment. The Green Fleet Coach is responsible for implementing a program that reaches this goal. The Green Fleet Coach is often a Lead Sailing Instructor of our Summer Sailing School who previously participated in youth racing and/or currently participates in college sailing. The Green Fleet coach largely independently runs weekly Green Fleet practices on Portage Bay, interacts frequently with participants and parents, and is responsible for transporting boats as well as coaching sailors at local weekend regattas. Additional Instructors may assist with practice or events as needed. Full details on the program at <https://seattleyachtclub.org/web/pages/opti-green-fleet-program>.

Responsibilities

- Coach a team of 10-20 sailors interested in learning to race Optimist prams. Topics covered must at least include rigging and sail trim review, a typical race course chalk talk, starting strategy, basic racing tactics, right-of-way rules, and sportsmanship.
- Follow and enforce strict safety protocols, including protocol to reduce COVID transmission.
- Foster inclusive environment where youth are physically and emotionally safe.
- Communicate with sailing office regarding progress and program needs.
- Flexibility to teach sailors with a range of skill levels and interests.
- Greet and communicate face-to-face with participants' parents at practice check-in/-out and regattas.
- Manage accurate attendance sheets at practice and regatta events.
- Monitor weather and conditions in location class will be sailing.

Qualifications

- Hold current US Sailing Instructor Level 1, which includes current CPR/First Aid, and WA State Boater, SafeSport, and Coaching Fundamentals certifications.
- 18 years old by June 15, 2020.
- 1+ year experience racing dinghies.
- Minimum of 2 summers' experience instructing youth sailors. Preferably some experience coaching youth to learn to race dinghy sailboats.
- Committed to teaching sailboat racing through a framework of safety, fun, and learning.
- Available to coach at least 80% of the following practices and events in 2020:
 - o Practice 5:00-7:30 pm on June-August
 - o "Milfoil Dodger" Local Green Fleet Regattas Saturdays in July and early August
 - o JAM regatta at Port Madison September 11-13
 - o NW Junior Olympics at Shilshole Bay August 28-29
- Position subject to applicant's ability to pass a background check.