



## Junior Sailing Instructor Volunteer Description

The Seattle Yacht Club Sailing School is a premier sailing program that serves hundreds of young sailors each summer. Our program mission is to promote sailing through safety, fun, and learning. Each summer, we hire an instructor staff and volunteer team with a passion for sailing and teaching youth. The program launches from Seattle Yacht Club, and most of the sailing will take place on Portage Bay. Classes are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, on the club's dinghy fleet that includes Vanguard 15s, RS Fevas, Optimists, and Lasers. Four classes divided by participant age and size run simultaneously each week. Full program details can be found at <http://www.seattleyachtclub.org/summer-sailing-school>.

Junior Sailing Instructor volunteers are the future of our sailing program and are vital towards keeping the classes running. Junior Instructors are responsible for assisting Lead Sailing Instructors and Sailing Instructors with daily operations and teaching youth to sail. This may include pumping up motor boats, pulling Optis off racks, helping participants with rigging, or jumping in a sailboat with kids who are having trouble. In effect, this position is an internship to help prepare volunteers to take their US Sailing Instructor Level 1 class, which can be taken in the calendar year you turn 16 years old. Many volunteers become an Instructor employee for our program if they prove they are ready for the many responsibilities Instructors have, as well as pass the Level 1 class. Junior Instructors typically volunteer 2 weeks during the summer program.

### Responsibilities

- Collaborate with instructor team to implement class programming.
- Follow and enforce strict safety protocols, including protocol to reduce COVID transmission.
- Foster inclusive environment where youth, volunteers, and staff are physically and emotionally safe.
- Report important information, such as weather conditions or a nervous participant, to Instructor or Lead Instructor.
- Set example to participants by being mature and proactive. This means helping with any task that keeps the program running smoothly, including tidying work area or picking up trash.

### Qualifications

- Have some sailing experience, which may include attending a summer sailing program.
- 14 years old by June of current year.
- Interest in teaching sailing to youth through a framework of safety, fun, and learning.
- Attentive to detail and organized.
- Willingness to learn.
- Available to attend Instructor Orientation and volunteer for 2 weeks during the summer program, June – August.
- Position subject to applicant's ability to pass a background check.