

Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center Job Opening - Youth Sailing Coach



Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center (MBRSC) has an exciting opportunity for a coach to join our growing youth sailing program. As a Seattle Parks and Recreation facility, MBRSC enjoys state-of-the-art facilities which include indoor storage for our entire fleet of Optimist, Laser, FJ, and 420 sailboats, locker room and shower facilities, numerous instructional spaces with AV capabilities, and exercise space with aerobic and weight equipment. The MBRSC Youth Sailing Team is comprised beginner, intermediate and advanced sailors age 8-18.

We are looking for a mentor who will help sailing team members develop a lifelong passion for sailing, and who will teach and model teamwork, boating safety, sailing technique, racing strategy, sportsmanship, maturity and general development as a person and sailor. This coach will:

- Plan and implement training and practices to prepare youth sailors for competition
- Work with MBRSC administration and parent volunteers to plan regatta preparation, organization and team travel for local and regional competition
- Monitor team safety on the water in compliance with Seattle Parks Small Craft Guidelines and best practices
- Work with MBRSC maintenance staff to identify equipment repair and maintenance needs
- Act in an advisory capacity to evaluate future equipment needs
- Help develop ideas for future growth of the program with an emphasis on outreach to underserved communities.

We are looking for a candidate that can work collaboratively in a team environment with other sailing staff, rowing staff, administration, and the broader sailing community.

Anticipated practice schedule for 2020 is as follows:

Late March – June: Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 – 7:30 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

July – August: Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 – 8:00 pm

September – October: Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 – 7:30 pm

October – November: Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Additional hours are budgeted for pre-season and weekly planning. The coach's schedule will also include several 1 or 2 day weekend regattas, which the coach will be expected to attend along with participants, and occasional staff training and staff meetings, usually on evenings or weekends. Typical workload will be 10-20 hours per week depending on time of year in addition to regatta hours. Additional hours may also be available to the coach for other teaching opportunities in adult sailing, summer camps, or other boating activities, depending on availability and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age
- Passion for sailing and for teaching youth
- Knowledge of Racing Rules of Sailing
- High school or collegiate dinghy racing experience
- At least 2 years dinghy sailing instruction experience
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with fellow staff members in a supportive, team environment
- Valid US Sailing Level 1 or equivalent certification
- Washington Boaters Education certification prior to beginning of employment
- Candidates must be able to pass a 10 minute float test prior to beginning of employment
- CPR & First Aid training is required within one month of hire
- Washington State driver's license, or able to get a Washington State driver's license within one month of hire

Desired Qualifications:

- Youth coaching experience
- Small powerboat experience
- Valid USSailing Level 2 certification or higher
- Regatta management experience
- Experience in maintenance and repair of sailing equipment
- Trailer driving experience

Compensation \$22 - \$26/hour, commensurate with experience. This is a part-time, seasonal position. Instructors at MBRSC are employed by Associated Recreation Council.

Anticipated start date will be mid-March with programs beginning March 31, 2020.

Please send resume, cover letter, and 3 references to Jason.coffman@seattle.gov.

MBRSC is operated through a joint partnership between Seattle Parks & Recreation, Associated Recreation Council, and the MBRSC Boating Advisory Council. MBRSC is committed to offering safe, fun, and accessible boating instruction for all residents of the Greater Seattle area.

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