



Quassapaug Sailing Center

Part-Time Adult Sailing Instructor Job Description 2026

Mission

Quassapaug Sailing Center's Adult Sailing Program aims to provide a safe, engaging, and supportive environment where adult students can develop their sailing skills, build confidence on the water, and enjoy the unique experience of sailing on Lake Quassapaug.

Overview

We are seeking an experienced, enthusiastic, and safety-minded sailing instructor to teach adult group sailing classes following the US Sailing Learn Sailing Right curriculum (Beginning and Intermediate levels). This is a part-time, seasonal position working with students aged 18 and older in small group settings. Classes are limited to 8 students, with two instructors on the water and one land-based safety officer.

As an instructor, you will be expected to deliver engaging, structured lessons, adapt to varied skill levels, and maintain a professional and welcoming environment. You will work closely with the other instructor and safety officer to ensure all lessons are safe, productive, and enjoyable.

Responsible to: Head Instructor/Sailing Director

Qualifications

- Minimum age 18
- Strong sailing skills and experience teaching dinghy sailing (instruction experience preferred)
- Current US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 Instructor certification (or higher)
- Current American Red Cross (or equivalent) CPR/AED/First Aid certification
- Current State Safe Boating & Personal Watercraft Certificate (NASBLA approved)
- Comfortable operating motorboats in varied weather conditions
- Strong swimming skills and water safety knowledge
- Ability to adapt teaching methods for different learning styles and skill levels
- Professional, friendly, and punctual

Dates of Employment 2026

- **Hours per week:** 6–8 hours (plus occasional make-up classes)

- **Regular Class Times:**

- Thursdays: 4:30–7:30 PM
 - Saturdays: 8:30–11:30 AM

- **Possible Make-Up Class Times:**

- Tuesdays: 4:30–7:30 PM
 - Saturdays: 11:30 AM–2:30 PM

- **Program Dates:**

- **June Session:**

- Thursdays – June 4, 11, 18, 25
- Saturdays – June 6, 13, 20, 27
- **July Session:**
 - Thursdays – July 2, 9, 16, 23
 - Saturdays – July 4, 11, 18, 25
- Make-up lessons: Scheduled as needed in August
- **Preseason Meetings:** Late May or early June
- **Preseason Training:** Two days, including on-the-water session for program prep

Responsibilities & Expectations

- Teach adult sailing classes following the US Sailing Learn Sailing Right Beginning and Intermediate curriculum
- Provide instruction in sailing safety, boat handling, rigging, knot tying, and sailing theory
- Ensure the safety of all students both on and off the water
- Maintain communication with students regarding schedule changes, weather delays, or cancellations
- Keep accurate attendance and incident records
- Assist with setup and breakdown of boats and equipment before and after class
- Support the maintenance and cleanliness of docks, boats, and program areas
- Follow and enforce QSC safety policies and procedures
- Collaborate with fellow instructors and safety officers to ensure smooth lesson delivery
- Attend preseason meetings and required training sessions
- Demonstrate professionalism and a positive attitude at all times

Note: This job description highlights key responsibilities and may include other duties as needed for the camp's operations.

Application Process

Interested applicants should send a resume to manager@qsailingcenter.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

For questions, contact: Henry James – Sailing Director – henryj@qsailingcenter.org