



Floating Classrooms Winter Volunteer

Mission

Our mission is to encourage and celebrate the responsible use and long-term stewardship of Lake Champlain by fostering and developing educational and recreational opportunities for all members of our community. The Community Sailing Center is a non-profit organization made of dedicated sailors, paddlers and recreation enthusiasts who share a deep passion for Lake Champlain. We believe everyone deserves to play on, learn from and ultimately take care of Vermont's greatest natural resource- Lake Champlain.

Overview

The Floating Classrooms Winter Volunteer will serve as an educator for the Community Sailing Center (CSC)'s Floating Classrooms working independently, as well as alongside the Education and Outreach Coordinator. This is a mission-driven and standards-based educational program offered in partnership with local schools. The volunteer will be an ambassador of the CSC. Therefore, they must be friendly, courteous, and passionate about the organization's mission. Lessons include but are not limited to bathymetry, energy transfer, and water quality.

Reports to: *Education & Outreach Coordinator*

The intern works directly with both Education and Outreach Manager and Coordinator to implement Floating Classrooms lessons.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate possesses a desire to develop their personal teaching skills. Please be willing to learn various skills to be successful in a diverse program and dynamic educational environment. Additionally interns must be enthusiastic about working with grades 4-5.

- Demonstrated interest in environmental education, natural history, and ecology of the Lake Champlain Basin and Vermont.
- The intern is dynamic able to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Comfortable speaking to groups.
- Experience designing lesson plans, curriculum, or an outdoor experiential trip (*not required*).
- Sailing experience (*not required*).
- Reliable transportation (*not required*).

Responsibilities

- Teach environmental, place-based lessons suitable for students in grades 4-5.
- Gather materials and clean up before and after each program.
- The intern must have empathy for the students and be able to adapt to their individual needs.
- Potential opportunity for curriculum development and alignment of CSC curriculum to Reach: US Sailing's STEM Education Series, The Common Core, and the Next Generation Science Standards.

Benefits & Learning Opportunities

- Curriculum development & program evaluation experience.
- Opportunities for hands on, in the classroom informal education
- Potential to volunteer with spring Floating Classrooms.
- One free hour of boat/ paddle craft rentals for every two hours served.

Internship Time Commitment

This program runs from January 15 - February 22. Interns will commit to a minimum of one morning (Monday - Thursday), the same day each week from 8am-1pm.

TO APPLY: please send cover letter, resume, and 3 references to Amanda Phillips, amanda@communitysailingcenter.org