



community sailing center

lake champlain : burlington vermont

Thank you for your interest in the Junior Instructor Program!

The JI program offers young adults the opportunity to work with sailing professionals to deliver instructional camps at the Community Sailing Center. A typical day may include: helping with morning check-in and afternoon check-out, working with staff to clean up each afternoon, supporting an instructor aboard a powerboat, skippering a dinghy with or without campers aboard, or leading a fun game ashore.

Prerequisites:

- At least 15 years old
- Successful completion of a Community Sailing Center *Level III* and a *Laser* or *Summer Race* or *Advanced 420* program.
- Successful completion of the Junior Instructor Camp offered **June 16-20, 2025**
- Positive attitude, a willingness to work, and enthusiasm for working in a fun, fast-paced environment
- Interest in being a role model and coach for younger sailors and peers
- Commitment to the goals and mission of the CSC
- Knowledge of sailing, seamanship, and sportsmanship
- Be punctual, reliable, and work well as a member of a team and independently with basic supervision

Work Requirements:

Minimum of 2 weeks, Monday-Friday, 9 am – 4 pm. Weeks do not need to be consecutive. The Junior Instructor schedule will be created according to availability and need prior to the beginning of the summer with continuous updates as camp enrollment fluctuates. Some opportunities for “on call” JIs may be available if our program needs dictate. JIs can also volunteer on Saturday mornings from 10 am – 1 pm to assist the Saturday Free Sail program.

Benefits:

- 2 week commitment: 25% off JI Camp
- 4 week commitment: 30% off JI Camp
- **Every JI gets a Dinghy Season Pass**

This is a terrific opportunity to develop your teaching and leadership skills, share your passion for sailing with young people, and get out and have fun on Lake Champlain this summer! Check out additional details and camp schedules online at: www.communitysailingcenter.org. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best,

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Program Director

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JUNIOR INSTRUCTOR APPLICATION

Name: _____ Pronouns: _____

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Is e-mail a reliable way to reach you? _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Grade (as of fall 2023): _____

Medical Concerns or Allergies:

Please note it is NOT necessary to have the following certifications to participate in the program:

Do you have a current CPR/First Aid Card? ___Yes ___No Do you have a boater's license? ___ Yes ___No

Have you ever applied to be a J.I. before? ___ Yes ___No

If yes, when and how many years have you been a J.I. _____

Sailing and Powerboating History (add more details on the back or additional sheet, if necessary)

Please tell us about your sailing experience (lessons you may have taken, where you took them, types of boat you are familiar with, any relevant on-water experience, be **specific**). Please provide an estimate of your on-water comfort and ability.

Sailing Experience: List the boats you have sailed and know well, including position on the boat. Be specific. Include the following information: **Craft Type, Crewed, Skipped, Raced, Instructed.**

EXAMPLE 1: 18' Buccaneer, skippered 2 times, crewed 15 regattas, never taught

EXAMPLE 2: Sunfish, skippered 30 times over two summers, in the process I taught my nephew.

EXAMPLE 3: Optimist, skippered 100 times over three seasons, raced for 2 seasons.

EXAMPLE 4: Laser, skippered 200 times over five seasons, instructed at yacht club for two seasons.

Boat Type	Sailing/Racing	Skipper/Crew	Teaching	Years Experience

Powerboat Experience: (Please list the types of motorboats you are familiar driving)

Boat Type	Years Experience	Type of weather and water you've used them on

Check which classes you would be comfortable assistant teaching:

Class	Assistant Instructor
Youth Beginner	
Youth Intermediate	
Youth Keelboat	
Canoe or Kayak	
Stand Up Paddleboarding	

Being a Junior Instructor is rewarding but challenging work. JIs may face boating challenges on the water and interpersonal challenges in class with campers. Even when things get difficult, JIs must keep a professional attitude and remain positive role models. What is it that motivates you to be a Junior Instructor?

Why do you think you would make a good Junior Instructor? What qualities and/or experiences do you have that would make you a great instructor?

What does it mean to be a role model? Is there an instructor who you look to as a role model?

Have you ever participated in a CSC Summer Race Program or Laser! Camp? ___ Yes ___ No

If you answered "No" please describe the equivalent program in which you participated and explain why it helped prepare you for a prospective Junior Instructor role at the CSC.

What is your experience working with kids? Which ages do you feel most comfortable working with?

Have you ever been in a leadership position before? If so please describe.

Which camps/programs have you participated in at the CSC?

How many weeks would you like to devote to the program?

**Please return to address below, attn: John Nagle
or email to: john@communitysailingcenter.org**