



**STAGE HARBOR SAILING SCHOOL, INC.
CHATHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**



**Opti/420 Race Team Coach & Instructor
Job Description**

About Stage Harbor Sailing School (SHSS)

Stage Harbor Yacht Club (SHYC) in Chatham, MA has been successful for almost 90 years in teaching students to sail. The mission of SHSS is to promote a lifelong love of sailing among all students no matter their skill or experience. Our students' time sailing will be spent having fun in a safe environment. To support this mission, the Club will employ thoughtful and experienced instructors who will nurture and support each individual child. SHSS teaches ages 6 to 17 in an 8-week program. The SHYC fleet consists of Sprites, Optimists and Opti/420s.

Overview

The Opti/420 Race Team Coaches & Instructors will design and implement the Opti/420 sailing curriculum and racing programs at SHYC. This includes teaching sailing school classes in the morning and advanced and developmental race teams in the afternoon. These coaches are active in weekly travel to local junior regattas and regionally to larger events. The Opti/420 Coaches & Instructors will report directly to the Program Director. They work alongside other Senior/Junior Instructors to ensure a safe, fun and educational sailing experience.

Time Commitment

- Opening Work Week - June 21-25, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Full Season - Full time, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Closing Work Week - August 21-24, 2021 - Hours TBD
- Regatta attendance according to local racing schedule TBD
- Candidates will be considered only if available from June 21 through August 24, 2021

Qualifications

- Minimum 1 year working as a full-time sailing instructor in a comprehensive youth sailing program with experience in coaching race teams and/or college racing experience
- Current US Sailing Instructor Level, which includes current CPR/First Aid, Safe Boating, SafeSport, and Coaching Fundamentals certifications
- Thorough knowledge of small boat sailing, seamanship and small powerboat handling
- Strong race management skills and extensive knowledge of racing tactics and the ability to teach and enforce rules while maintaining sportsmanship
- Passion for the sport of sailing and enthusiasm for working with kids
- Attention to detail, organized, responsible with strong leadership and interpersonal skills
- Valid US Driver's License

Responsibilities

- Develop sailing and racing curricula each week including daily lesson plans for scheduled classes.
- Work with Race Team Coordinator and Fleet Captain to responsibly communicate information regarding practices, regattas, team race schedule, parent meetings and transportation plans.
- Attend and coach at all sanctioned Opti/420 regattas in which SHYC sailors participate. This includes assistance with registration, rigging, de-rigging, protests and any necessary debrief after regattas.
- Coordinate fleet transportation to and from away regattas to include loading and unloading boats as well as transport of a coach boat, if applicable.
- Select and coach members for team racing. Actively work with other area clubs to organize team racing scrimmages. Register team members for SMSA ladder qualification events.
- Daily maintenance of Opti/420 fleets, trailers, coach boats and safety equipment.
- Promote safety, seamanship and proper care and storage of all SHYC equipment.
- Communicate with parents, sailors, all SHSS staff and SHYC adult volunteers with respect.
- Attend other SHYC club events that require Coaches & Instructors to be present.

Compensation

Hourly wage paid on a weekly basis commensurate with experience and skills.

For More Information

For more information about SHYC, please visit www.shyc.com. Please contact our Program Director - programdirector@shyc.com - or SHSS President - shsspresident@shyc.com.