



ROYAL VANCOUVER
YACHT CLUB

Junior Summer Sailing Coach

- Wage:** \$18.00 to 30.00 CAD per hour, based on experience.
- Start Date:** June 21, 2025
- End Date:** August 29, 2025
- Report to:** Sailing Programs Administrator & JTP Head Instructor, and Head Coach.

Club and Program Overview

The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC) is one of the world's premier yacht clubs with over 5,000 members dedicated to promoting yachting, seamanship, and a strong sense of community. Located at Jericho home port in Vancouver, RVYC's Junior Training Program (JTP) provides summer sailing camps for youth ages 5 to 17+ throughout July and August.

Before the courses start, all instructors must attend mandatory, paid orientation days. Staff lunches are provided on all working days; however, housing is not. Our courses, run in two-week session blocks, utilize an extensive club-owned fleet, including Optimists, ILCAs, 29ers, RS Fevas, Windsurfers, Elliott 6Ms, and Capri 22s. The summer closes with RVYC's annual Commodore's Cup Regatta and Training Camp from August 25-28, offering young sailors an opportunity to demonstrate their progress and compete in a fun, supportive environment.

Instructors will have the chance to work in a beautiful environment, gaining valuable coaching experience while being part of a fun, high-paced, professional, and supportive team. There may also be additional work opportunities available outside of the JTP, including roles in RVYC's Keelboat Sailing Program, Race Committee, Mark-laying, and year-round Race Team coaching.

Job Overview

Our **Junior Summer Sailing Coaches** play a pivotal role in delivering high-quality sailing instruction and mentorship to all participants within the Junior Training Program's (JTP) summer camps. This position requires a skilled and passionate individual who can inspire, educate, and cultivate a love for the sport among RVYC's young sailors.

Duties & Responsibilities

1. Sailing Instruction

- Effectively teach the *CANSail* curriculum across all JTP classes.
- Collaborate with the Youth Learning Facilitators to instruct the Wet Feet (ages 5-7) and Opti Fun (7-10) course curriculums.
- Instruct various courses, including JTP Lime Green, JTP Green Fleet, Intro to Double-Handed Sailing, Olympic Sailing Pathways, and Junior Mariners.
- Continuously adapt instruction and teaching methods to accommodate different learning styles and abilities.
- Create a positive and inclusive training environment that fosters skill development and a passion for sailing.

2. Supervision and Safety:

- Ensure participant safety on and off the water by following all sailing regulations and RVYC safety protocols.
- Provide clear instruction on proper life-jacket usage, water safety, and emergency procedures.
- Report any incidents or concerns immediately to your direct supervisor.

3. Skill Development:

- Identify individual sailor strengths and areas for improvement, providing constructive feedback and tailored instruction plans.
- Design drills and exercises to develop confidence and sailing proficiency.

4. Team Collaboration:

- Work closely with fellow instructors to plan and coordinate daily schedules.
- Contribute to the development of a well-rounded curriculum aligning with program objectives.
- Attend mandatory morning and afternoon staff meetings.

5. Communication:

- Maintain clear, professional communication with participants and families.
- Provide progress updates and address parent inquiries in a courteous, professional, and informative manner.

6. Equipment and Maintenance:

- Assist with setting up, maintaining, and storing all sailing equipment to ensure safety and proper functionality.
- Report all equipment issues to the appropriate staff member(s) for repair.
- Complete daily assigned chore tasks to facilitate smooth operations.

7. Role Model:

- Serve as a positive role model and mentor for young sailors.
- Promote teamwork, sportsmanship and respect for the marine environment.

Requirements & Qualifications

- Sail Canada Certified CANSail Instructor, with 2025 annual registration completed and certifications/prerequisites in good standing for the duration of their employment.
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certification (Standard First Aid or equivalent).
- Successful completion of a Criminal Record Background Check (company provided).
- Valid Pleasure Craft Operator Card.
- Completion of the Safe Sport Training Module by the Coaching Association of Canada (can be completed after confirmed employment and prior to contract start).
- Ability to adapt to rapidly changing conditions and situations to meet class needs.
- Strong instructional skills and ability to deliver a comprehensive curriculum.
- Strong communication, leadership, and teaching skills.
- Passion for youth development and creating a positive learning environment to inspire young sailors.

How to Apply

Interested and qualified candidates should submit a resume and cover letter outlining their sailing experiences, relevant certifications, and interest in the role to:

anya.richmond@royalvan.com

Subject: Summer Sailing Coach Application- [your full name]

All applications and inquiries will receive a response and be kept strictly confidential. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled, and early applications are encouraged.