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2025 Sailaway Sailing School Volunteer Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Application

Thank you for your interest in being a volunteer member of the 2025 Sailaway Sailing School Staff. If your application is accepted, you'll be helping out, learning and having fun this summer as part of our team. You will also have the chance to improve your own sailing skills, to make friends and open the door to additional opportunities on and off the water.

The Counselor-In-Training (C.I.T.) position is a learning opportunity for a limited number of our most advanced sailing students. The goal of this C.I.T. program is to refine your sailing skills while learning how to be a good Counselor. If you do well as a C.I.T. it is our hope that you will return in future years to work as a paid employee.

Our C.I.T. program consists of the following elements.

- Pre-season preparation and training scheduled for June 16 to June 20, 2025 approx. 20 hours. There is no fee for this training. During this time, you will meet members of the staff, learn safety protocols and learn practical boat maintenance and management skills.
- Completion of the *Level 2 Sailing Skills Development* class (aka Experienced Sailor Class) offered during the regular summer sailing sessions. The cost of this two-week class is \$675. The purpose of this class is to help you develop your individual sailing and boat handling skills. Successful completion of this class (or the equivalent) is a prerequisite for sailing staff members (C.I.T.s and Counselors). You may choose to take this class more than once. Returning C.I.T.s are not required to retake this class if successfully completed in a prior year.
- Student-Teaching: C.I.T.s who have successfully completed the above two prerequisites and have sufficiently demonstrated competency handling the C420s and RS Vision sailboats used at the school may at the discretion of the Sailing School Director be invited to join the team as a student-teacher for the remainder of the sailing season. At this point you will be scheduled for certain classes and weeks of the summer sailing program. On the days you are working as a C.I.T. you will sail in the boat with the students, help them learn to rig, handle and sail the boat and help them follow the directions provided by the Sailing Instructors. This is an exciting opportunity because at this point you will be sailing for the remainder of the summer. Keep in mind that when you are scheduled to work as a C.I.T, you will be under the supervision of the Sailing Instructors and you will be expected to act as a responsible and productive member of the sailing school staff.

To be selected as a Counselor-In-Training you must:

- Have a positive attitude, follow instructions and willing to help others
- Age 14 or older
- Have a CT Safe Boating Certificate

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- Must be a capable swimmer and able to pass an annual swim test before the start of the season
- Have at least 4 weeks experience sailing in previous seasons (combined). This experience can be with Sailaway or another sailing program.
- First year C.I.T.'s are required to first successfully complete the *Level 2 Skills Development Class* (a.k.a Experienced Sailor) before they are eligible to be a student teacher.
- Able to demonstrate your ability to handle and sail the c420 and RS vision sailboats used by Sailaway Sailing School.
- Attend and successfully complete the pre-season training and preparation June 16 to June 20, 2025
- Available to student-teach as needed between June 23 and August 15, 2025, Mondays to Fridays between 8:45 am and 5:15pm with a one-hour break for lunch. As a C.I.T. you will be scheduled for certain classes and weeks of the summer sailing program. The days and classes for which you will be asked to attend will depend upon the number of students and the staffing requirements for those days and classes.
- Available to help de-rig and put away the sailboats at the end of the season August 18 to August 22.

Location: Captain's Cove Seaport, Bridgeport CT

IMPORTANT: If there are days/times that you know you will not be available to participate this summer, it is important that you indicate those days/times now on your application. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Lukas – paul.lukas@scouting.org

C.I.T. Application General Information

Last Name * _____ First Name * _____

Street Address * _____

City/Town * _____ State * _____ Zip Code * _____

Date of Birth * _____ Age (as of June 23, 2025) * _____

Your Cell Phone Number * _____

Your Email Address * _____

Home Phone Number * _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18 years old) _____

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Parent/Guardian Email (if under 18 years old) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number (if under 18 years old) _____

T-Shirt Size * small, medium, large, X-large

Why do you feel you would be a good member of the Sailaway Sailing School Staff? *

Are there any days/times during the summer when you are **not able to work?** *

Sailing Experience:

Describe your level of sailing experience. *

How many seasons have you sailed at Sailaway Sailing School? *

Have you completed the Sailaway Sailing School Experienced Sailor Class? *

_____ If YES, When? _____

What other sailing experience do you have with any other sailing groups, schools, teams or with your family? *

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List of Current Certifications (check all that apply) *

- CT Safe Boating Certificate
- First Aid/CPR
- Lifeguard
- US Sailing Association Instructor Certification
- Other _____
- None

Work Experience:

Were you a CIT or Counselor for Sailaway Sailing School in a previous year? _____

If yes, for how many seasons? * _____

Any other work experience that you had/have? (volunteer or paid)

Where do you go to school? _____

Grade completed by July 1, 2025: _____