



**YMCA of  
Greater Vancouver**

## Sailing Instructor (2 Positions)

YMCA Camp Elphinstone  
1760 YMCA Road  
Gibsons, BC  
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**Rate of Pay:** \$121.65 - \$125/day + food/accommodations

**Position Status:** Seasonal Contract, Full time

**Term:** June 25<sup>th</sup> to August 26<sup>th</sup> OR September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

**Reports To:** Waterfront Director, Summer Camp Director

### Nature & Scope

YMCA Camp Elphinstone is seeking individuals to fill the role of Sailing Instructor.

The Sailing Instructors are responsible for designing and facilitating safe, engaging, and camper-focused sailing lessons. The waterfront is one of the focal points of Camp Elphinstone and the sailing instructors are expected and to ensure the program meets BCCA standards while working closely with the waterfront team to ensure that the waterfront delivers exceptional camper focused programs.

During sailing camp sessions, this person may be required to live in a cabin with another counsellor and up to 10 campers, ensuring emotional and physical safety for all.

Sailing Instructors are members of the program staff team at camp. The program staff team will responsible for instructing camp activities and supporting other staff in delivering programs. They will also have other daily responsibilities such as helping with supervision of campers, evening cabin support, facilitating early morning and evening programs, program logistics, and care/maintenance of camp program equipment.

### Organizational Overview

The YMCA of Greater Vancouver is a powerful association of people of all ages and abilities joined together by a shared commitment: to strengthen community and help its members and program participants reach their potential. The YMCA accomplishes these goals by helping vulnerable children and families, promoting healthy living, and reducing isolation. The Y's programs include health and fitness, child care, camps, health management, mental wellness, and employment and immigrant services. Last year, the YMCA helped more than 120,000 children, youth, adults, families, and seniors become stronger through life-enhancing programs and services.

The YMCA of Greater Vancouver has been serving the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, and Sunshine Coast for over 135 years and currently offers programs at more than 250 locations.

This position requires a commitment to the YMCA mission and core values – Do the Right Thing, Put People First, Keep our Promises, and Lead by example.

## Responsibilities

- Facilitating experiential and camper-focused sailing lessons to campers ages 5-17
- Regularly inspect, maintain, and inventory all waterfront equipment. Report issues to the Waterfront Director.
- Work with the other waterfront staff to be prepared and familiar with Camp Elphinstone's waterfront emergency procedures.
- Ensure the safety of all campers and staff at the waterfront during all swimming and boating activities.
- Work with the other members of the program staff team to accomplish shared responsibilities.

## Qualifications

- CANSail Level 1 Instructor
- Standard First Aid & CPR-C
- NLS
- Pleasure Craft Operator's Card
- Criminal Reference Check with a Vulnerable Sector Screening issued no later than six (6) months preceding start date
- 3 successful reference checks

## Additional Qualifications (assets)

- Paddle Canada (or equivalent) certification in canoeing, kayaking, sea kayaking, and/or SUP
- Lifesaving Instructor

**Application Process:** To submit application click [HERE](#)

**Deadline:** Ongoing until filled.

**Questions? Contact** [elphinstone@gv.ymca.ca](mailto:elphinstone@gv.ymca.ca)



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## YMCA Camp Elphinstone

YMCA Camp Elphinstone is located near Gibsons on the Sunshine Coast, a 40-minute ferry ride from Vancouver. It is situated on 144 acres of temperate rainforest along the shores of Howe Sound. Camp Elphinstone operates as a residential summer camp during July and August offering programs like one and two week camp, Sailing Camp, Leadership Development, and out-trips to Desolation Sound and the Sunshine Coast Trail.

From September to June, Camp Elphinstone operates as an Outdoor Education, Recreation and Retreat Centre for schools, businesses, clubs, and other special interest groups. Camp Elphinstone currently serves over 12,000 participants annually.

YMCA Camp Elphinstone has accommodation and dining for up to 400 people and has programs and equipment for swimming, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, stand up paddleboarding, low/high ropes, rock climbing, wilderness and environmental programs, archery, crafts and more. Camp Elphinstone employs approximately 140 staff/volunteers during July and August, with a team between 20-50 for the spring and fall Outdoor Education seasons, and a smaller core team of 10 staff during the winter season. Successful Camp Elphinstone staff are self-motivated individuals whose ambition is to help children and youth develop in an outdoor camp setting.