Lead Sailing Instructor — Summer 2027

Squamish Yacht Club | Squamish, BC

Spend your summer coaching on the water in Squamish!

Squamish Yacht Club is seeking a certified **Lead Sailing Instructor** to lead our Learn to Sail program for summer 2027.

We're looking forward to the 2027 season and want our Lead Instructor to work alongside our Sailing Director and Sailing Committee to help plan, rebuild and grow a great community sailing program.

Squamish offers an exceptional place to coach. **Howe Sound delivers spectacular summer winds and memorable days on the water throughout the season**, with an incredible setting between the mountains and the sea.

Our primary program is a weekday youth sailing camp through July and August, supported by additional youth, member and adult sailing opportunities.

We're Looking for Someone Who

Has strong leadership, sailing and organizational skills, along with the energy and enthusiasm to work with children, youth and adults. You'll lead a small instructional team and act as a positive role model while creating a safe, inclusive and engaging environment.

Preferred qualifications include:

- Current CANSail instructor certification and Sail Canada membership in good standing.
- Previous coaching experience, preferably in a lead role.
- Strong sailing, programming and lesson-planning skills.
- Experience working with children and youth.

- Current First Aid/CPR.
- Pleasure Craft Operator Card and coach-boat experience.
- Appropriate coach-boat safety certification.
- Required criminal record / Vulnerable Sector screening.

Responsibilities

- Lead daily on-water and land-based CANSail instruction.
- Plan programming with the Sailing Director and instructional team.
- Lead, mentor and support instructors and junior instructors.
- Maintain a safe, positive and inclusive learning environment.
- Communicate effectively with participants and parents.
- Support the responsible operation and care of sailboats, coach boats and the training area.
- Contribute ideas and experience as we continue developing the SYC Learn to Sail program.

Grow With Us

We're looking beyond a single summer. **Our goal is to grow the program over the next several years and build a strong coaching team along with it.**

For the right person, there may be opportunities to help expand programming beyond July and August, potentially **May through October**, and to take on increasing leadership as the program develops.

SYC is prepared to **invest in relevant training, certification and professional development for the right candidate.**

Term: Primarily July–August 2027, with potential opportunities to help expand programming from May–October.

Compensation: Competitive and based on experience and qualifications.

For candidates coming to Squamish for the season, **we will work with you to help identify suitable summer accommodation options.**

To apply, please send a resume and short introduction to:

training@squamishyachtclub.com