Assistant Instructor Position

Challenge the Wind Youth Sailing Program

Challenge the Wind offers a limited number of paid Assistant Instructor (AI) positions each season. The purpose is to reward and encourage learning advanced sailing skills, confidence and leadership. Interested sailors should discuss the opportunity with their parents and let the director know of their interest in applying.

The following provides more information on the AI program and criteria. The AI's first session will be non-paid and provide an opportunity for the director to see how the AI performs as well as for the AI to determine if they want to continue.

Pay: Assistant Instructors' pay will increase in subsequent seasons based on gaining sailing skills through practice and education.

Full Instructor: Assistant instructors will be considered for full instructor positions.

Sailing Training and Education Cost: Assistant Instructors will be reimbursed for all pre-approved training and education courses after successful completion. US Sailing Level One Instructor Certification requires a 2-year CTW Instructor commitment following certification.

Basic Requirement for consideration as an AI:

- Demonstrate capabilities in each of Challenge the Wind Skipper's 14 Sailing Skills or US Sailing Small Boat Certification
- Demonstrate ability to effectively communicate and interact with participants.
- Director's approval

AI's compensation increases and qualification for full instructor will be based on:

- Learned more advanced sailing skills
- Participated in solo or crewed DRYA regattas
- Received Michigan Boater Education Card
- Completed US Sailing Level One Instructor Certification training