

Youth Sailing Coach 2025/26 Summer Season – Mercury Bay Boating Club – Job Description/How to Apply

Location:

The Mercury Bay Boating Club is located in Whitianga, NZ on the beautiful Coromandel Peninsula. Whitianga is a vibrant thermal ocean village with gorgeous beaches, a large marina, wonderful treks and numerous nearby top 10 New Zealand Destinations like Hot Water Beach, Cathedral Cove, and the Hahei marine reserve.

Our junior programs focus on youth development, safety at sea, sailing skills, and some fun racing. We are not a tactical training academy but instead one that fosters respect for the sea, love of the sport, and an appreciation of our local waters.

Our local area school has more than 1000 students and we have smaller rural schools within 45 minutes of our learn to sail centre. Each summer we welcome dozens of families from Auckland, Tauranga and Hamilton who want to participate in learn to sail programs.

Proposed dates: December to late March.

Dec and Feb/March sessions: 12-16 hrs per week spread over 3 to 4 days
Sessions are run after school, on the weekends.

Summer Holiday Sessions: Block courses, 4 to 5 days per week. These are 30 to 40 hr weeks with morning and afternoon sessions, usually 2 days sailing, then a lay day, followed by 2 more days sailing. Normally LTS 1 in the morning and LTS 2 in the afternoon.

Qualifications/Skills required:

- At least 1 year experience as a junior sailing coach
- First aid qualification
- Familiarity with YNZ/Sport New Zealand Child Protection Policy
- Confident launching/retrieving from the beach
- Ability to operate a full range of small sailboats and patrol boats safely
- Flexible with work hours
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills (competent in English language)
- Excellent organisational and time management skills, a positive attitude and ability to work independently as well as part of a team
- Excellent computer skills in order to advertise, register and track sailors.
- Competent with social media platforms

Compensation: \$30NZD/Hr plus 8% Holiday Pay

Paid Weekly

Huge growth potential and salary increase for the candidate with the right attitude and skill set. The position could evolve into a 6-month position, October to March the following year.

Tasks:

- * Coach LTS 1 juniors using the club's roto-moulded Optimists.
- * Coach LTS 2 and 3 juniors using the club's roto-moulded Optimists and Fusions.
- * Recruit and coach adult LTS sailors using the club's Fusions and Hobie Cats.
- * Supervise bi-weekly Centreboard Sundays - we have several good sailors who now have their own Lasers and Microns, or club boats can be chartered.
- * Coach our Mercury Mentor program (youngest age group) in conjunction with our sailing members using Hobie Cats and Fusions (always with a coach/adult sailor on board).

Notes:

- * The club already has a robust list of juniors who have already taken courses and who want to take more.
- * There are adults wanting to take courses.
- * The incoming coach will have a thorough orientation and handover from the outgoing commodore who has been coaching the juniors and adults since 2017. He has a wealth of information to share with the successful candidate – admin, recruiting, volunteers, equipment, local resources, etc.
- * The club has several key, experienced volunteers who are available to support the coach. These parents and supporters are already trained in launch and retrieve techniques, rig/de-rig assist, and assisting in patrol boat. There are more volunteers out there waiting to be recruited and trained.
- * The club has an approved Maritime NZ Safety Management System in place.
- * The club has a MOSS exemption.
- * We have key supporters who have assisted us with successful funding applications.

Equipment on hand:

6 x Opti Cubes, self-bailing with dedicated hand trolleys. Like new.
3 x Opti Takapunas with dedicated trolleys. Excellent condition.
6 x Fusion double handed boats with dedicated trolleys. New
1 x 5.5 mt centre console 50HP patrol boat with road trailer. Excellent condition
1 x 4.5 mt RIB with 20 HP with beach trolley. Good condition.
1 x 2.8 mt RIB with 8 HP with beach trolley. Good condition.
PFDs, marks, flags, chalkboards, white boards horns, etc.

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