



Volunteer Profile: Sailing Assistants

The opportunity

We want to get Thurrock sailing! Do you share our passion for sailing, and the benefit it can bring to individuals and the local community?

As part of our Sail Thurrock initiative, Thurrock Yacht Club is seeking to develop a network of Volunteer Sailing Assistants who will support club sailing activities at sheltered and tidal water sites in Thurrock and surrounding areas. Typical volunteer activities will include:

- Provide water born and shore side support for club sailing activities
- Assist with the instruction to young people and adults
- Assist with on-going boat and facilities maintenance
- Assist with running events and regattas
- Assist with fundraising and promotional activities

What type of person are you?

- Minimum age 18
- You have practical experience of sailing.
- RYA Powerboat Level 2 and First Aid qualifications required. Assistance may be available to candidates who do not currently hold this level of qualification
- You can commit time on a regular basis, typically after school time and weekends. A minimum contribution of 50 hours per year (equivalent of 1 hour per week) is suggested to maintain benefits associated with the volunteer status
- Must be willing to undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check
- Must be enthusiastic about sailing and be able to demonstrate strong interpersonal skills
- Will require access to transport to get venues which may not be served by public transport
- May provide own personal protective equipment (including buoyancy aid/lifejacket) for some activities

What you get from us

- Build your experience and maybe pave your way towards a paid career in sailing
- If you are new to the club, free Midshipman (18-25) or Crew (26+) level membership for your first season, and any applicable joining fee will be waived
- Access to midshipman membership for those aged 18-25 (only available to those willing to contribute as a volunteer)
- Sporting and social benefits of Thurrock Yacht Club membership, including opportunities to crew on members boats, and access to our club house facilities
- The club will be happy to provide references to prospective employers based on your volunteer contribution
- Above all you will gain the satisfaction and fulfilment of volunteering to help others in your community
- Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed

Successful candidates will be required to take out club membership. Those aged 18 to 25 will qualify for the club's extremely affordable Midshipman level membership. Full details on fees can be found on our website - [Fees \(thurrockyachtclub.org.uk\)](http://thurrockyachtclub.org.uk).

More information on volunteering is available through the club's Volunteer Policy.