

Sailability Wellington

Information for Volunteers (The Crew)

What Our Volunteers Do

Sailability volunteers are what make our organization the success that it is. Our programme is totally dependent on them. Most, (but not all), of our volunteers work as part of a team that enables a Safe Sailing Experience for our members on one of our five sailing days each week. Being a volunteer with Sailability Wellington is a rewarding, satisfying and fun experience.

Training

You don't have to be able to sail, - but for some roles, it is a help! We provide volunteer training in many things, including Sailing, Teaching, Coaching First Aid, Hoist Handling, VHF Radio Operation and Safety Boat Operation .

The Role

Our volunteers work together to carry out a whole range of duties including:

- **Meeting and greeting our sailors - Including checking buoyancy aids, slings & safety**
- **Rigging and de-rigging boats - (All the crew help with this)**
- **Helping our sailors into and out of boats - The work of the dock crew**
- **Crewing and helming for our sailors - for volunteers with sailing experience**
- **Safety boat assistance - for those trained to do it.**
- **On shore work including publicity, maintenance and administration.**

We welcome people from all backgrounds and walks of life, including those with a disability.

Background

Sailability Wellington is a charitable trust which has been established, for people with disabilities, to:

- Promote the amateur sport of sailing in all its forms including recreational and competitive activities
- Promote, develop and encourage the use of sailing to advance personal well being, which might include confidence building, learning and the acquisition of skills.

We cater for all ages and most disabilities including, physical, intellectual and sensory. We provide sailing experiences which we hope meets people's individual needs. Some of our sailors have their Yachting New Zealand level 1 and 2 certificates and move on to be part of the Race Squad and compete in club racing. However for others the chance to be in a different environment and have experience different motions and sensations is incredibly worthwhile.

Sailors are encouraged to take responsibility for the set-up, checking of boats and pack-up afterwards. This is not practical for some as their disability may not enable them to do some things. However, many of our sailors should still be aware of how the boats are rigged and how to care for them (as anyone would need to be if they owned their own boat). Therefore we ask that our volunteers encourage them to:

We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic team players, in the areas of sailing, sailing support, fund raising, administration etc, who can assist us in meeting these aims. Sailability

Wellington Trust provides meals for the crew on sailing days and we share a beverage and de-brief at the end of each day.

Our Sailing Hubs

We sail from, and are affiliated to, Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club, Lowry Bay Yacht Club, Titahi Bay Boating Club. Our regular programme is as follows.

- Seaview on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9.00am-3.30pm
- Porirua Harbour on Thursdays - Tide Dependant.
- Evans Bay on Fridays from 10.30am-4.30pm and on Sundays from 10.30am-3.30pm.

Prospective volunteers are welcome to come along to a session to see we operate. We normally require four volunteers helping on shore, two volunteers in the motorboat, and two up to seven sailing instructors.

Communication

The club captain sends a text to every volunteer on each sailing day to advise if we are going ahead or need to cancel. Volunteers may also check the Sailability phone messaging system to find out the same information. The number is 472 4546.

Membership

Sailability is a 'club' of over 170 sailors and over 60 volunteers. While the sailors pay a subscription, there is no payment expected from any of our volunteers. We do ask that you fill out an Volunteer Information Form. It is available to be downloaded from this website.