



Dear Applicant,

We are seeking altruistic sailors who may want to become a dedicated member of our Volunteer Sailing Companion Program at Piers Park Sailing Center in East Boston. Since 2007, PPSC has had one of the most empowering learn-to-sail programs for people living with a wide variety of disabilities. Some of the individuals served in our program are living with disabilities such as impaired vision and/or hearing, paraplegia, quadriplegia, MS, ALS, MD, Strokes, and TBI.

Companion sailors are essential to the safety of our Adaptive sailors. Many of these Adaptive members are life-long sailors while others learned the sport more recently. All have a love for the sport that is shared throughout the PPSC community. Jobs for the able-bodied companion sailor include just joining them for a sunset sail, to trimming main, operating boat procedures, communicating for the sailor over the radio, and helping them board and exit the boat utilizing our hoist system.

To qualify you must live in the Boston area and have at least 3 hours of sailing time per week (or collectively 12 hours of sail time per month) during the PPSC Sailing Season. Additionally applicants must pass the PPSC Sailing skills evaluation. Applicants must be compassionate and enthusiastic about the opportunity to work with people living with disabilities.

In exchange for your volunteer hours we can offer you a one year membership to Piers Park Sailing Center. Membership passes are renewable each year after a successful season of service. We will choose a limited number of candidates for this program.

We will host a one hour training session or site-visit to introduce you to our adaptive equipment and review common procedures.

Thank you for applying!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caitlyn Ridgely". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caitlyn Ridgely
Adaptive Recreation Director
Piers Park Sailing Center



Date Application Received: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cell phone: _____

Address: _____

If you do have personal transport, what is your proximity to the blue line? (T-stop or miles)

Do you work in the health field: _____ Yes _____ No

Do you have any experience working with people living with disabilities? _____ Yes _____ NO

If Yes please explain: _____

Please list your sailing experience: _____

Would you be interested in volunteering and/or skippering for some of our other programs?

Are you available to sail at least one morning or afternoon per weekend? _____

If not, what days of the week are you available 3:30pm-Sunset? _____

If you cannot sail, what skill sets would you like to share with PPSC? _____

Thank you for applying and feel free to call or email with any questions.

Caitlyn Ridgely

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