

## **Volunteering with the DSSA. Volunteers needed!**

As our wonderful sailing program continues to grow more volunteers are needed at the DSSA. Volunteering with the DSSA provides essential support from filling gaps in service to building social connections within our community for this non-profit 501-c3. As a DSSA annual member there is a loose requirement of 4 hours of volunteering. We are looking for individuals looking to go above and beyond this. We are so thankful for our past and current volunteers along with our amazing Instructors in Training.

Below is a list of Volunteer subjects we need help with. All volunteers with the DSSA that would like to work with youth and sailing participants need to go through a quick interview and background check with the Waterfront Director or DSSA Board Member. If you are interested please reach out to us at any time of the year!

**Pier Work Days** - Description: Pier work days are scheduled days to get the DSSA Sailing Pier ready for the sailing season and put away for the winter. We will be putting docks and boats in and out of the water, cleaning, organizing, and doing maintenance. Check the DSSA calendar for dates and details.

**Fundraising and Events** - Description: Individuals interested in finding new ways for fundraising and helping set up social events. We host an annual membership meeting and an Open House at the pier in the Spring. We host a Duluth Yacht Club social in the summer. In the fall we have our end of the season dinner and celebration! Looking for ideas for winter fundraising and events.

**Writing Grants** - Description: Looking for individuals with experience or ambition to write and find new grants to help and support the DSSA.

**Instructors in Training Program** - Description: Young sailors that have participated in our youth camps and advanced youth camps are eligible for becoming an instructor in training. We are looking for sailors that have great sailing and leadership skills, maturity, and enthusiasm for teaching the world of sailing to others! Instructors in training will need to meet with the Waterfront Director and participate in two days of training in June or take the first Youth Advanced Sailing Camp of the season (June 15th - 19th 2026).

**On Water Volunteering for Adults** - Description: The DSSA hosts a variety of programs over the sailing season. We partner with 15 different schools and non-profits that come down and learn to sail with us. Individuals with extensive sailing experience and on water safety are needed to help teach and take students of all ages and capabilities sailing. Sailors interested in on water volunteering will need CPR and MN Boaters License.

**Boat Maintenance** - Description: Our sailing vessels are used morning till dusk 6 days a week from May to Mid October. We are always looking for volunteers with a background in boat maintenance or something similar along with hands-on individuals willing to learn new skills!

**On Shore Volunteering for Adults** - Description: During big and small sailing events on shore help is a must! We need individuals to help greet arriving students, fit them with proper PFDs, teach sailing knots, and catch docking vessels. There are many other tasks during events that can help us run an amazing program!

**DSSA Board Member** - If you have an interest in helping with the business side of our program, membership on the Board is a perfect way to assure the future success of the organization. Want to learn more? Just call Jim Sharrow at 218-590-1062.