

# LLSC Summer Camp Instructors 2016



At LLSC, we strive to find the best instructors we can to provide depth in sailing talent as well as experience working with youth sailors. Resumes are reviewed, skype interviews conducted and instructors carefully chosen to fit the overall needs of the LLSC program. This year's instructors are great sailors with a passion for sailing and most of all LOTS of experience. All of our instructors have completed the minimum of Level 1 US Sailing Instructors course (4 day certification). These instructors are truly a benefit to LLSC and we are so lucky! We welcome them all and look forward to a fantastic 3 weeks of camp.

Kieran O'Connell Gloucester, MA, Level 1 Instructor and a US Sailing Powerboat Safety Instructor

Kieran is bringing to our program a many years of Junior Program Director experience. He will be working both on the water and on shore assisting with curriculum development and instructor management. He has been involved in High School sailing managing a year round program in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. He will be the program director for the Annisquam YC in Massachusetts and oversees 100 sailing students per day with a staff of 18. He has a full range of boat experience and program experience that will be a true asset to our program. He will be serving an important role of Program Director during the camps assisting with the overall curriculum and program management. Week 1-3

Eileen Blute, Austin, TX, Level 1 instructor

Eileen is a recent college graduate in Speech Pathology from University of North Texas. She will begin her Masters this fall. She is spending her summer teaching in the NE and again is making a pit stop enroute. She has a wide variety of boat experience including Lasers, J24s, VX Ones, Colleege 420s, and More notable big boat sailing including a Farr39. As a summer nanny, Swim coach and sailing instruction experience she has a lot to offer our program. Week 1-3

Caroline Bik, Houston, TX, Level 1 instructor

We welcome Caroline to our program as her pit stop as she heads north for a full summer of sailing instructing. She is finishing up her freshman year at University of Texas in the Aerospace Engineering Program. She is active on her college sailing team and had previous experience teaching and supervising a team of instructors as a summer sailing camp in Seabrook, TX. Week 1-2

Van Rogers, BSC Member, Level I instructor

Van is returning to our program for the third year as an avid sailor from Birmingham Sailing Club. He was an avid SE circuit Opti racer and now a very talented Laser and Thistle sailor. He is an engineering student at the University of Alabama, Birmingham where he is active in the Marching band and the Laser, Thistle and Flying Scot circuit. Van will be with us only week 1 this year because of a summer school commitment. Week 1

Steffi Zwarg, LLSC and Fort Walton YC Member, Level I instructor

Steffi is coming back to LLSC to teach after finishing her second year at MIT. She started in the program at LLSC as a OPTI sailor, moved to Lasers, 420s and multihulls. She participates on the MIT sailing team. She brings great experience with our program and proud to have her back with her LLSC family in 2016. Week 2

Sally Key, Columbia SC Member, Level I Instructor

Sally is returning to our program for the fourth year and is an avid Laser sailor on the D12 circuit and also on her dad's J27. Sally competed at a high level in the Optimist making it to team trials and also the JR. Women's Championship in the Laser Radial 3 years in a row. Sally just completed her 1<sup>st</sup> year at Clemson where she participated on the SAISA college circuit. She will be heading out right from camp to Carolina YC NC to spend her summer at the ocean teaching. Week 1-2

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Daniel Postell, LLSC Member, Instructor Level I

Daniel is an instructor from Idaho who grew up in the LLSC family. We are excited to have him back as a full instructor in 2016. He has been actively sailing many boats in the North West and just completed his freshman year in college and he is ready for some warm, lake sailing. Daniel brings a depth of talent on the water and a keen insight to why sailing is such a great family sport. We welcome him back to your sailing home. Week 1-2

William Fry, LLSC Member, Instructor, Level 1

William has just completed his 1<sup>st</sup> year at Cornell University and is very active in the Navy ROTC program. William learned to sail lasers at LLSC and has spent the last MANY summers as a camper then counselor at the Camp Seafarer on the coast of NC. He brings a great depth of talent to our program and his passion for youth sailing does not go unnoticed. Thank you William for making time for our program this year! Week 1-2

Gigi Arias, LLSC Member, Level I instructor

Gigi is a local sailor from LLSC. She is passionate about the water and always eager to learn. She graduated from High School this spring after a very busy year on the sailing circuit. She is a very active member of a Women's Match Race team, i420 team, Nacra team and works the bow for a M24 team – Shaka out of LLSC. Her experience in the High Performance Camps at Oakcliff last summer launched her sailing career, literally. She hit 17+ knots on a Nacra! We are happy to have her back between her busy racing schedules. Week 1 part of 2

Buddy Sharpton, LLSC member, Level I instructor

Teaching for over 20 years, Buddy is a great instructor for those beginner classes where having fun while being safe are the name of the game. Buddy is a legend instructor for our program and his love for sailing is contagious for those of all ages. Week 2

Dale Atkins, LLSC member, Level I and Level 2 instructor

Teaching for over 16 years, Dale is another great instructor passionate about the 420 because of its ability to pair up a variety of skill levels and make sailing fun for all. He continues to be a great mentor for all instructors. Week 2

Zoe Genet, LLSC Member, Asst. Instructor, Level I

Zoe is a Junior Instructor just completed her Level 1 training this year but has a depth of experience on Windsurfers, large cruising boats in the Pacific NW and just about anything on the water. She has been actively sailing 420s this year and hopeful to attend GT starting the fall of 2017. Week 1

Caroline Shultz, LLSC Member, Jr. Instructor

Caroline has been a long time sailor as a crew for her dad on Thistles and Highlanders. She most notable participated in the Champion of Champions event last Fall on the Gulf Coast in VX Ones crewing for her dad Tanner. She understands the family importance of sailing and that everyone has different paths within the sport. While a late bloomer to skippering... she will bring a great talent of crewing to our program. Week 1

We work very hard to provide top instructors to ensure your sailor has the best possible experience with our program. From cruising to racing we try to cover all the bases within our program. This process starts in December with contract letters issued in February and March. I am thankful that every single one of these sailors is coming to Lake Lanier Sailing Club to enrich our program in their own way. Please welcome them and respect them in their job as a role model and instructor.

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