

LLSC Summer Camp Instructors 2017



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.

Alex Padgett, LLSC Waterfront Director

Alex will be working with coordinating all the water activities and curriculum development with the instructor team this year. He has been a terrific addition to LLSC this year and will be leading the effort to ensure the best possible instruction is happening at LLSC. We are looking forward to having Alex and his depth of talent and mentoring of all our instructors as well as keeping all our equipment running!

Gavin Rudolph, Texas, Level 3 instructor

Gavin comes from Dallas area where he works as a PE department at a local Elementary school. He was formally the Program manager and head Coach at Rush Creek YC managing 7 instructors and 120 sailors. He had instruction experience prior at Barrington Yacht Club in Rhode Island. He was Active on the Old Dominion Sailing Team where he participated in 2 College National Championships 2011, 2012. We are looking forward to his depth of talent with our intermediate and advanced sailors. Week 1-3.

Kelly Cole, Oklahoma/College of Charleston, Level 1

We welcome Kelly to our program as one of our Race coaches. She has lots of experience with the College of Charleston Varsity Sailing team, but her passion is Laser Sailing. She has participated in several world level Radial events and currently ranked 11th in the US. She is looking forward to being at LLSC before she drives off to the West coast for the July Laser series. She will be bringing her boat so look for some fun coaching / sparring on the water. Week 2 -3

Madeline Mulligan, Level 1 & Basic Keelboat Certification

Madeline is new to the LLSC program but has a depth of coaching in Optimist, Lasers, C420 and Flying Scots. She is on the Sailing Team at UMD and is studying Kinesiology. She will be a very active part of the coaching team this summer assisting with some of our Adult programs in the Flying Scot. Week 1-3

Ryan Howard, New Jersey/U of MD, Level 1

We welcome Ryan to our program from the University of Maryland where he is pursuing a Mechanical Engineering degree with the honors program. He is also an active on the UMD sailing team. He has taught several summers at the Pine Beach Yacht Club in NJ. We are looking forward to having him involved and welcome to the south! Week 1-3

Sally Key, Columbia SC Member, Level I Instructor

Sally is returning to our program for the fifth 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 2nd year at Clemson where she participated on the SAISA college circuit. After camp, she is headed to Charleston to work with the Harbor Pilots Assoc. on a summer internship. Week 1-2

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 2017. He has been actively sailing many boats in the North West and just completed his 2nd 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

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William Fry, LLSC Member, Instructor, Level 1

William has just completed his 2nd 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

Madison Collins, Rochester Yacht Club, Level 1

Maddie is the younger sister of a former instructor – Chase Collins who came to LLSC for several summers. We are looking forward to having her talents in our program as she has sailed all over the country primarily in C420s but races during the summer on a Nelson Marek 43. Week 1-3

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, STEM Certified in Sailing

Teaching for over 17 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

John Martin, LLSC member (AKA: Mr. Knots)

Welcome back our MR. KNOTS – he has more challenges ready for our KNOT loving kids! Get ready! Week 2

Devon Hanna, LLSC Member/UGA, Level 1 Instructor

Devon has been a LLSC member during his youth sailing career. He actively participates on the Thistle circuit and is known as a hard-working crew. Devon has sailing experience in both the 420 and Lasers and is looking forward to a summer of sailing instruction. Week 1-3.

Brian Roach, LLSC Member / Level 1 Instructor

Brian has been a camper at LLSC for many years. As one of the recipients of the Sportsmanship award, we are pleased to have him on our instructor list for this year giving back to the sport he loves.

Zoe Genet, LLSC Member, Level I Instructor

Zoe is LLSC Instructor just finished High School and will be attending GT in the Fall. She is looking forward to being an active part of their sailing team. She 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. Week 1-2

Junior Instructors – Each year LLSC hires a few Jr instructors to assist with our program during week 1 and 3. This provides valuable training opportunities for our newly certified instructors to mentor with seasoned instructors. We look forward to having them.

- Carlyn Blauvelt – AYC Member/Walker HS, was a competitive Opti racer, now participates in the SAISA Circuit. Week 1
- Rosalba Mazzotta – LLSC Member, 420 sailor at LLSC loves to work with kids. Week 1
- Sam Buchanan – RMA Sailor, 420 sailor on the RMA High School Team, Looks forward to teaching. Week 3

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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