

Oakcliff Staff Specialist, Maxi Fleet Captain



This position can be full time and split between Oyster Bay and Newport RI :
Summer is 6 days a week, Winter 5 days a week, 3-week break at the end of the year.
Tuesdays always start with a 10:30 Workout and 12:30 meeting year-round.

This individual will supervise the large boat fleet which currently includes OC86 a RP86, Denali a JV66, Temptation a Ker 50 and a 12 Meter program. If the right individual is interested this could become a Newport -based position and can be seasonal. Will take a leadership role and race on the fleet as much as possible with the obvious caveat that it is difficult to race on two boats at one time.

Reports to: Shore Manager

Coordinates with: Regatta and Training Program Directors and Trainees

General experience required in: Marine Systems, Rigging, Sail making, Engine & Electronics and Composites.

Manages: Individual Boat Captains and Sponsors

Oakcliff is a training and coaching center located in Oyster Bay NY with an America's Cup-like campus consisting of a boat shop, boat yard, meeting spaces and a fleet of over 100 boats including the world's largest fleet of Match 40s, Nacra, 49er and FXs as well as 10 grand prix offshore racing yachts. The unique programming, facilities and equipment at Oakcliff have been described as "Too Good ... To be true."

Responsibilities change with the seasons and evolve as the fleet grows but these positions are all round boat workers with specializations in one or more of the areas listed above and the experience to act as a boat captain of one of the big boats or as a fleet manager of the Match 40s or Melges 24s

He or she has at their resources staff with various specialty skills and summer trainees with basic skills. Sailing is seen as a bonus and staff is encouraged to sail as much as they like when feasible within the work load. Additionally staff is encouraged to work out with the team every Tuesday morning.

Phased Schedule:

Spring Launch: March to May, M-F 9 to 5 with occasional early or late days

Summer Programs: During this phase trainees are available to learn and then assist. This phase is a Tuesday noon through Friday full time schedule, as well as most weekends.

Fall Haul: September to November. This phase transitions to a M-F 9-5 schedule.

Winter: Thanksgiving until Spring Launch, from haul to the end of the year the focus is on ensuring all normal maintenance is done and scheduling, ordering and preparing for any major work that needs to be done is accomplished. After the holiday break, the schedule increases in tempo until boats go into the water. This phase is a solid M-F 9 -5 schedule with a 3-week break at the Holidays.

Overall, the candidate should have strong all-round boat working skills, specifically on racing sailboats. They should be able to clearly and calmly work with individuals with varying degrees of experience and talent.

Oakcliff is a high energy, fluid work environment and candidates should be able to adjust to rapidly changing priorities and opportunities and above all stay positive and constructive. Positive attitude is critical.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Please direct all interest to: race@oakcliffsailing.org