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Volunteer Crew Application

Gloucester City Sail is a New Jersey Non-Profit corporation. Our primary purpose is to offer youth of the area the opportunity to do science, learn history, and work on the Schooner North Wind while sailing on the Delaware River. We operate the Schooner North Wind, the home to experiential youth programs and the premiere sailing charter in the Philadelphia/Camden Country area.

We fund our mission primarily by operating public and charter sailing excursions along the Delaware River. We are volunteer led and operated. Without volunteers we would not be able to fulfill our mission and vision.

Volunteering on the North Wind is different than many other volunteering opportunities. As a USCG inspected Small Passenger Vessel, we must follow strict operational and safety protocols. We operate the vessel with anywhere from 4-8 crew members. All crew on board need to be able to act appropriately in the case of emergencies, as well as perform the tasks required to operate the North Wind in a safe and efficient manner. While we do not require prior experience, we do require our on-board crew to receive training.

All aspects of a cruise are important to the safety, comfort and enjoyment of our passengers.

- Passenger Greeting/Sign in
- line handling for leaving the dock, raising and dousing sails, and returning to the dock
- Our sails are raised manually. There are no winches on board. In order to raise sails you must have the ability to speedily lift 30 pounds hand over hand.
- Passenger care during the cruise, including commentary, food/beverage distribution, escorting passengers to the head (toilet) among others.
- Teaching an Education Station to youth on our Ed Sails.
- Emergency procedures (Person in Water, Fire, Flooding, Abandon Ship)*

* Required of all crew

Being able to do at least 3 of the above would make you a valuable asset to the crew.

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We must work effectively as a team for a successful cruise. This requires good communications as well as cross training.

Volunteers who serve on board the North Wind are therefore required to go through a training program and periodic assessments. However, in addition to the training classes, the skills must be reinforced by hands on experience. Therefore, in the first year of volunteering, you are expected to be on several sails to gain the required experience.

We require a minimum of 4 well trained people to operate the North Wind under sail. We cap our crew at 8 per cruise, with 2 positions reserved for “first year trainees” but with a maximum of 4 trainees per cruise. In order to get you “sea time” experience, you must sign on to at least 3 available sails during the first season.

If this sounds like a lot of work and commitment, you are correct. It is also very fulling and fun.

Requirement for volunteers on the North Wind

- 16 years or older (if under 18 years, parent/guardian permission required).
- Participate in the annual safety training and operational training courses.
- Willingness and ability to use our on-line booking system (FareHarbor). You will gain access to this system after completion of initial training.
- We communicate primarily via Email. You must be willing to check email on a regular basis to stay informed about upcoming crew requirements and last minute changes.
- Punctuality is very important for the crew to function efficiently. Chronic lateness or missing of commitments can result in separation from our volunteer pool.

We have 2 avenues to volunteer on the Schooner North Wind. The preferred path is to attend the Spring Volunteer training program.

Spring Volunteer Training Program

All volunteers must fill out the volunteer application form and sign the waivers.

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Training classes (2-4 hours) are held mostly on successive Saturdays over 4-5 weeks.

All new and returning volunteers are required to attend 1 of the 2 offered "Emergency Procedures" sessions. New volunteers must also attend at least 2 of the "skills" sessions (line & sail handling, PIW drills etc).

Mid-Year Volunteer

1: Fill out the volunteer application form and sign the waivers

2: Purchase a ticket and go on one of our public sails, to learn what we do and make sure you are interested in this type of volunteering.

3: Attend 2 of our "2nd Saturday" work days on the North Wind, to get orientation of the workings and systems of the vessel.

Mid-year volunteers can then participate on sails as "Line Crew Trainee" and shadow a trained crew member to learn our safety procedures and operations. They would then be expected to attend the subsequent Spring training sessions.

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Two Part Application process.

1: Fill out the On-Line Form (see below)

2: Sign the last page of this document in all indicated places. Copy (or photograph) and send to info@northwindsail.org or mail to

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Please go on-line to fill out the Volunteer Crew Application.
The form is available at:

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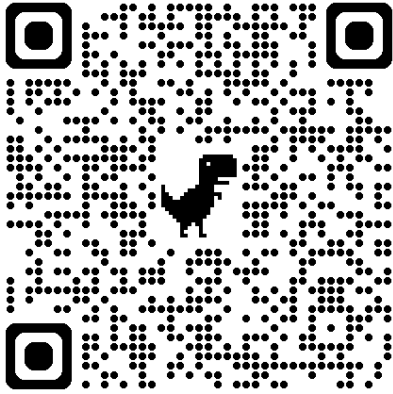
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Or type in the following URL:

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In addition to the on-line Application, please read and sign the following releases.

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*** Promotional Material Release:**

North Wind volunteers are routinely photographed and at times named in social media publications. As such, in order to be an on ship volunteer, crew are required to grant permission for use pictures and names in published material.

(Initial) _____ I give Gloucester City Sail permission to publish, copyright, and use pictures/video with my image and name for promotional purposes.

Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

Medical

Volunteers on the North Wind must have the seeing, hearing and physical/mental condition to be able to perform the duties required associated with the protection and evacuation of passengers during emergency conditions. As a volunteer, you must also notify the Master of the vessel if at any time you are not able to help emergency situations with the protection and evacuation of passengers.

By signing below, you are indicating that to the best of your knowledge, that you have the abilities to perform the duties as indicated above, and that you will inform the Master of the North Wind if at any time you are unable to perform those duties.

Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

GLOUCESTER CITY SAIL

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in programs and other events and to use the facilities, equipment and other services at, upon or about the *North Wind* (ship) and Gloucester City Sail (collectively, "North Wind"), the undersigned, for himself/herself and for his or her heirs, agents, personal representatives and assigns (and if the undersigned is a minor, the undersigned's parents, guardians and other care-givers), does hereby agree to the greatest extent permitted by law, as follows:

Assumption of Risk: The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that the undersigned (i) understands the nature of the activities to be undertaken for the North Wind and that there are inherent risks and dangers associated with such activities, including, without limitation, contracting an infectious disease, injury, pain, suffering, illness and/or death, and (ii) knowingly and voluntarily accepts and assumes responsibility for each of those risks and dangers and all other risks and dangers that arise out of or occur during the undersigned's activities for the North Wind.

Good Health: Crew members must be in good health to serve on the North Wind. If at any time prior to a cruise a crew member becomes ill or has a communicable illness where there is a risk of contagion or infection, they must inform the Captain, and take themselves off of the cruise until the time that the risk has passed.

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Release and Waiver: The undersigned hereby irrevocably and unconditionally RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE Gloucester City Sail, and their respective members, officers, directors, agents, employees and sponsors (collectively, the "Releasees"), from and for any and all claims, liabilities, obligations, disputes, damages and causes of action of any kind or nature, known or unknown, which the undersigned may have or claim to have, now or in the future, directly or indirectly, with respect to any personal injury, accident, illness or death and/or property loss, however caused, arising from or in any way relating to the undersigned's activities, or otherwise occurring during any time while the undersigned is present at, upon or about the ship and complex excepting only those caused by the willful misconduct, gross negligence or intentional torts of Gloucester City Sail.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: The undersigned hereby agrees to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS Gloucester City Sail and all Releasees from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including, without limitation, attorney's fees and court costs, arising from or in any way relating to the undersigned's activities, excepting only those caused by the willful misconduct, gross negligence or intentional torts of Gloucester City Sail.

Severability: The undersigned expressly agrees that this Assumption of Risk, Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (this "Agreement") is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by applicable law and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect.

Binding Effect; Governing Law: This Agreement shall be binding upon the undersigned and the undersigned's heirs, agents, personal representatives and assigns (and if the undersigned is a minor, the undersigned's parents, guardians and other care-givers). This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New Jersey (without giving effect to conflicts of law principles) and the state and federal courts located in Camden, New Jersey shall be the exclusive venue for all actions and proceedings involving this Agreement or any claim arising from the undersigned's participation in programs and use of facilities. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the undersigned with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements and understandings. This Agreement may not be withdrawn, cancelled, terminated, revoked, amended, or revised by the undersigned.

INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND, THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT HE/SHE/THEY IS/ARE SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT FREELY, VOLUNTARILY AND WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE TERMS.

Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

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