



WANTED:
DRAGON BOAT COACH
PITTSBURGH PADDLEFISH
THREE RIVERS ROWING ASSOCIATION (TRRA)
PITTSBURGH, PA, USA

The Pittsburgh Paddlefish have a roster of about 50 adult paddlers, ranging in age from 18 to 68, and are affiliated with a junior paddling team aged 11 to 16. Some of us are novice paddlers while others have competed internationally.

We paddle out of TRRA, designated the country's top rowing club in 2002, and currently have two dragon boats with plans for a third. We have ready access to three rivers; most of our paddling is on the Allegheny River.

We are seeking an experienced coach to help us to continue to improve our paddling and racing skills, further our conditioning, and motivate us to do our individual and team best.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Seasons: We practice on the water from April to November and then train indoors in a well-equipped fitness facility at the boathouse during the winter.

- 4-10 direct-contact hours per week
- Manage at least 2 practices/week
- Provide coaching at local and 'travel' competitions
- Prepare team for events
- Plan and organize practices and year-round training schedule for continued individual improvement and strong team racing performance.

In addition to coaching our team, this position may include additional and separately-paid responsibilities at TRRA for applicants with experience in managing programs and coaching a range of paddling and rowing sports. Our youth team is in its infancy; for the right candidate, this is another opportunity for increased hours/salary.

QUALIFICATIONS: Integrity and strong communication skills required. Coaching experience (not necessarily dragonboating) and evidence of success in motivating a range of adults are very important. We are passionate about our sport and eager to learn: experience in competitive paddling a plus.

SALARY: Hourly wages, to be determined.

APPLICATIONS: Letter of application (perspective on coaching, including the coach's role and the athletes' responsibilities); resumé of qualifications and coaching experience; contact information for three references. Email to pghpfish@gmail.com or mail to Kit Ayars, c/o Three Rivers Rowing Association, 300 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15222

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Three Rivers Rowing Association: www.threeriversrowing.org

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