



## **Volunteering**

Volunteers are a critical part of the Flotilla. We anticipate needing dozens of people to perform a wide variety of tasks before, during and after the event. We couldn't run this event without the help of dedicated volunteers!

If you'd like to help out this year, view the descriptions of each position below and then select the role(s) you would like to be considered for.

Volunteer roles differ in time. Please make sure you can stay for the entire time for the role you choose. You may also sign up for multiple roles if the times do not overlap. It is always helpful for volunteers to make themselves available "Wherever I'm needed."

Please note that we will try to place everyone in his/her desired volunteer position(s), but cannot guarantee placement. For most positions, final assignments will be made 2-3 weeks prior to the event.

If you have questions about volunteering, or any of our volunteer positions, please contact us at [volunteer@soundwaters.org](mailto:volunteer@soundwaters.org). Sign up at [SoundWatersFlotilla.org](http://SoundWatersFlotilla.org)

## **Kayak & Paddle Board Handlers**

Friday @ Cove Island (6 people; 4-8pm est.): We need volunteers to help paddlers unload their kayaks and paddle boards from their vehicles at Cove Island on Friday and move them to the secure equipment corral on the beach near Saturday's launch point.

Saturday @ Cove Island (3 people; 7-9am est.): Volunteers will make sure paddlers who dropped equipment off on Friday locate their kayaks and paddle boards easily when they arrive on Saturday morning.

Saturday @ Boccuzzi Park (4 people; 9-noon est.): When paddlers finish their paddle, volunteers will check them in to make sure they are off the water safely and secure their kayaks and paddle board on the beach until the paddlers are ready to leave.

Saturday @ Boccuzzi Park (6 people; 10am-2pm est.): When paddlers are ready to leave, volunteers will help them load their kayaks or paddle boards onto their vehicles.

**Paddler Registration** (4 people; Friday 4-8pm & Saturday 6:30-8am)

Volunteers register paddlers at SoundWaters on Cove Island either on Friday afternoon (early check-in, 4-8pm) or Saturday morning (6:30-8:00am) confirming paddler information and distributing numbers and any final information.

**Breakfast Crew** (4 people; Saturday, 6-9am)

The breakfast crew must arrive at SoundWaters on Cove Island by 6:00 am to set up tables with bagels, muffins, fruit, juices, water and coffee for paddlers' breakfast. The Flotilla launches at 8:30 am.

**Photographers**

We will need photographers to cover all aspects of the Flotilla – the start at Cove Island, on boats on Long Island Sound and the finish and beach party at Boccuzzi Park.

**Overnight Security**

Some paddlers will drop their kayaks or paddle boards off at Cove Island Park on Friday. The equipment will be secured near the launch point on the beach and will need to be secured overnight until staff and volunteers arrive early Saturday morning.

**Safety Boat Captain** (10 boats; 8am-noon)

Safety on the water is the top priority so we need boat captains with their own boats and who are familiar with the Stamford coastline and navigation charts. Safety boats will mark the route, provide water, food and basic first aid to paddlers and be a place where paddlers can rest or be removed from the water during their paddle from Cove Island to Boccuzzi Park.

**Safety Boat Crew**

The crew on the safety boats will watch the paddlers to ensure they are safe. Safety boats will have water, snacks and basic first aid to provide paddlers as needed.

**Set Up Team – Boccuzzi Park** (10 people; 8:30-10:00am)

We need volunteers to set up tables, chairs, signage, etc. on Saturday morning in preparation for the beach party when the paddlers hit the beach.

**Lunch Crew – Boccuzzi Park** (6 people; 9:30 – 2:00pm)

Volunteers are needed to help out with the beach party festivities from 9:30 am-2:00 pm. This will be a festive period as paddlers and guests celebrate the accomplishments of the day. Duties include serving food, replenishing beverages, clearing tables and on-going clean-up.

**Van Drivers – Boccuzzi Park (4 people; 10:00am – 3:00pm)**

Some paddlers will have parked at Cove Island or Weed Beach in Darien for the start of the Flotilla and will need to be transported back to their car. We will have vans to transport the paddlers and need drivers.

**Truck Driver – Boccuzzi Park (4 people; 10am – 3pm)**

Any paddlers who parked at Cove Island or Weed Beach in Darien will need to have their kayak or board transported back to their car. We will need drivers to drive a box truck with kayaks and boards.

**Breakdown Team – Boccuzzi Park (5 people, 2:00 – 3:30pm)**

We need volunteers to help us breakdown all the tables and chairs, clean up trash and leave Boccuzzi Park pristine following the beach party.

**Kayak Guides – Long Island Sound (10 people, 8:00am – 12:00pm)**

Kayak Guides are vital to overall paddler safety, morale and route management. Guides must be skilled, hard-working kayakers who are easily able to cover the 4mile Flotilla route as you will likely be moving back and forth on the route, assisting paddlers. Guides should expect to be on the water for several hours. As a kayak guide, you will be working hard and challenging yourself for an outstanding cause. All kayak guides must be reviewed and approved by the event committee.