



Volunteering

Volunteers are a critical part of the Flotilla. To operate a smooth, safe and successful event, we will need volunteers 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, 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. And we love volunteers who are 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 weeks prior to the event.

If you have questions about volunteering, or any of our volunteer positions, please contact us at volunteer@soundwaters.org. Sign up at SoundWatersFlotilla.org

Kayak & Paddle Board Handlers

Friday (4 people; Three hours TBD): We need volunteers to help transport rental kayaks by truck from multiple locations to Cove Island where they will be secured for Saturday's launch.

Saturday @ Cove Island (4-6 people; 6:30-8:30am est.): Volunteers will help set up kayaks and boards on the beach and help paddlers unload their kayaks and boards from their vehicles in the parking lot and move them to the beach for the launch.

Saturday @ Bocuzzi Park (5 people; 9:30am-noon est.): When paddlers finish their paddle, volunteers will check them in to make sure they are off the water safely and help paddlers load equipment onto their vehicles or load equipment onto trucks for transport back to their starting point.

Saturday (4 people; 10am-1pm): We need help loading and unloading kayaks on a truck(s), including someone to drive each truck (approx.. 20'), to move kayaks back to paddlers' starting locations.

Paddler Registration (2-3 people; 7 – 8:30am): Paddlers have all pre-registered. We need volunteers to confirm their arrival at the start so we can account for them on the water.

Breakfast Crew (2 people; Saturday, 6:30-8:30am)

The breakfast team must arrive at Cove Island by 6:30am to have breakfast set up by 7:00am (tables with bagels, muffins, fruit, juices, water and coffee). 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.

Safety Boats(5 boats; 8 – 11:00am)

Safety on the water is the top priority so we need boat captains with their own boats and crew 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.

Set Up Team / Lunch Crew – Boccuzzi Park (10 people; 9:00am - Noon)

We need volunteers to set up tables, chairs, signage, etc. on Saturday morning and then help with serving food, replenishing beverages, clearing tables and on-going clean-up.

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 can easily cover the 4 mile Flotilla route as you will be moving back and forth, assisting paddlers. As a kayak guide, you will be working hard and challenging yourself for an outstanding cause. All kayak guides must be approved by the event committee and will be asked to pay the \$50 event registration fee to cover the cost of their participation. The fundraising requirement is optional for kayak guides.