



Sail Beyond Cancer® Virginia VOLUNTEER ROLES

At Sail Beyond Cancer® Virginia, volunteers are the heart of our mission-providing healing sails for those facing the challenges of cancer. Below is an overview of our core onboard roles and other essential areas where your time and talents can make a true impact.

ON BOARD CREW

Captain: Captains are responsible for the safe and smooth operation of each mission sail. They must demonstrate leadership, uphold USCG safety standards, and manage the crew and vessel with care. Captains are expected to have significant sailing experience (USCG license preferred) and act as ambassadors of our mission while maintaining a calm, confident, and welcoming presence onboard.

First Mate: Working closely with the Captain, the First Mate supports all aspects of vessel operation including line handling, navigation, safety checks, and passenger interaction. This role is ideal for experienced sailors who are attentive, mission-driven, and skilled at maintaining both technical readiness and an emotionally supportive environment for guests.

Ambassador: Ambassadors play a vital role in creating a warm and healing atmosphere for our nominees & their guests. They assist with onboarding, share the mission story, provide comfort throughout the sail, and capture meaningful moments with photos. May include light sailing support. This is a perfect role for friendly, compassionate individuals who enjoy connecting with people.

SHORE TEAM

Nominee Scheduling: Coordinate available sail dates, match crew assignments, and communicate logistics to nominees and their families.

Fundraising: Help organize giving campaigns, secure sponsors, and assist with grant writing or donor engagement.

Outreach & Events: Build relationships and spread awareness within the community! Support logistics & planning for fundraising events, volunteer appreciation gatherings, or info sessions.

Photos Team: Manage Google drive photo albums start-to-finish and ensure high quality, meaningful photos are shared with our guests.

Social Media: Help create and post mission-driven content across our platforms to highlight the impact of our sails and promote upcoming events.

Crew Coordinator: Manage crew sign up and communications for sails.

Mission Sail Vessel Prep: Help clean and restock boats before and after sails to ensure a welcoming and dignified experience for our guests.

Boat Maintenance & Cleaning: Assist with seasonal prep, minor repairs, and inspections to keep our vessels safe and seaworthy.

HYBRID BOAT PARTNERS

To serve as many individuals in our community as possible, we depend on the generosity of volunteer captains that utilize their personal vessels to host respite sails.

Every role, whether on water or on land, directly supports our mission to honor those challenged by cancer. Join us in making a meaningful difference-one sail at a time!