

INTERVIEW WITH ELENA

Hello everyone! I'm Elena, and this summer I went to work at Portland Yacht Club.

When I arrived there, what surprised me the most was the appreciation everyone had for our work, always thanking us for everything we did, as well as the club's organization. Teaching sailing in another country was very special, fulfilling a dream, and above all, it was very easy thanks to the warm welcome from everyone, both the kids and other instructors.

As for challenges, I'd say the pressure of wanting to do everything well all the time, and I also struggled a bit with gaining confidence driving the motorboat, but once you start, all you need is practice. This experience has enriched me both as a person and a sailor. As I like to say, there was a "before and after" the USA, and I came back more confident, more independent, and eager to keep fulfilling dreams and learning.

I would 100% recommend the experience to everyone, because even if you're scared, it's worth the nerves and the tears from the night before a thousand times over, as everything turned out amazing and it was an unforgettable summer.

Thanks to Work and Sail, the process was much easier, and without a doubt, I'd highlight how attentive they were both before I left and during the entire three months.