

# INTERVIEW WITH SANTI

## **What surprised or caught your attention the most about working as a sailing instructor in the U.S.?**

What surprised me the most about working as an instructor in the United States was the number of instructors we had for the few kids we were teaching. This made the work much easier for all of us and allowed us to improve a lot over the summer.

## **How was your experience teaching sailing in a different environment from your home country?**

At first, it was quite challenging to teach in a language you're not used to speaking continuously, but eventually, everything becomes much easier, and you can feel yourself speaking more fluently week by week.

## **What challenges did you face, and how did you overcome them?**

The toughest challenge was understanding and holding conversations with older people, as it's quite difficult to understand them when you're a Spanish speaker. However, in the end, it's just a matter of talking with them and getting used to defending yourself in the language.

## **How has this experience influenced your career or personal growth?**

Working in the U.S. opens many doors in multinational Spanish companies, as they are looking for people with a good level of English, and they highly value if you've worked or lived abroad.

## **Would you recommend this experience to other instructors? What would you tell them?**

Yes, I've already got many friends I used to sail with who are now instructors at clubs in Spain, and I'm sure they will sign up for the challenge of working in the U.S. next year.

## **How would you rate your experience with Work and Sail? What aspects of the program would you highlight?**

I found the relationship between the company and me to be excellent. Whenever I had any doubts, they solved them immediately, and they were always helping me with everything related to the paperwork needed to travel and work.