

PADDLESport COACHES & TEACHERS WANTED

Join The Sharks

Want to teach paddlesport?

Want to inspire the next generation of paddlers?

Want to be part of something that dares to be different?

The Sharks are recruiting enthusiastic, committed people to teach and coach paddlesports across our London sites. Whether you're an experienced coach, newly qualified, or just starting out, we want to hear from you.

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Who Are The Sharks?

The Sharks are one of the **fastest growing canoe clubs in the UK**. We are a **not-for-profit Community Interest Company**, dedicated to teaching, coaching, and supporting paddlers of all ages and abilities across multiple London locations.

We deliver:

- School PE lessons
- After-school clubs
- Club training sessions
- Competition pathways in Marathon, Slalom, Sprint, and Wild Water Racing
- Events and community projects
- And much more

When you join The Sharks, you don't just take on a role – you become part of a team. Our coaches are paid, valued, and encouraged to contribute ideas, shape projects, and help drive the club forward.

Pay & Development

- Entry-level teaching rate: £18 per hour, increasing with experience and time
- Paid coaching roles across a range of disciplines
- Support to gain relevant qualifications while working
- Opportunities to work across multiple sites and programmes
- A clear pathway to develop as a coach, mentor, or project lead

The Role

Your role with The Sharks can be varied, rewarding, and flexible.

You may:

- Teach beginners and introduce people to paddlesport for the first time
- Deliver PE lessons and after-school clubs in schools
- Coach developing paddlers within club programmes
- Support or lead sessions for performance and elite athletes
- Work across different sites, disciplines, and age groups
- Assist with events, competitions, and community projects

We are looking for the **right people**, not just the right CVs.

Who We're Looking For

We need people who are:

- Enthusiastic, reliable, and positive
- Passionate about paddlesport and coaching
- Committed to delivering safe, enjoyable, and high-quality sessions
- Comfortable working with children, young people, and adults
- Willing to learn, develop, and be part of a growing organisation

If you already have qualifications – great.

If not – we can help you gain them.

Essential Qualifications & Skills

You must have or be willing to obtain:

- A genuine interest in canoeing / kayaking
- Experience paddling or working within sport or outdoor activity
- The ability to communicate clearly and confidently
- A professional and responsible approach to safety
- Willingness to work evenings and/or weekends
- An enhanced DBS check (or willingness to obtain one)

Relevant coaching or teaching qualifications are desirable but not essential, including Paddle UK awards or equivalent – training support is available.

Desirable Skills & Experience

The following are not essential, but would be a strong advantage:

- Experience coaching or assisting in sport or outdoor education
- Background in competitive paddling or another sport
- Advanced paddling knowledge (Marathon, Slalom, Sprint, Wild Water Racing)
- Experience working in schools or with young people
- Social media or content creation experience
- Event delivery or organisation experience
- First Aid qualification
- A proactive mindset and interest in helping projects grow

If you bring additional skills, we'll help you use them.

Current Opportunities – Locations

Thamesmead (SE2 9TX)

One of the most exciting paddlesports projects in the UK.

Based at The Boat House on Southmere Lake, with its own clubhouse, storage, and major investment. Daytime, evening, and weekend sessions available.

This is a blank canvas – and we're building something special.

West London

Where The Sharks began.

Multiple sites, each unique, all delivering high-quality, fun, and engaging sessions.

Opportunities to work across one or several locations.

Southall (UB2 4GG)

A vibrant, diverse community and a powerhouse for developing young talent.

Flat-water focus, delivering PE lessons, after-school clubs, club sessions, and hosting the Southall Super Sprints. Strong potential for growth and long-term development.

Harlesden (NW10 7AE)

A site full of potential, with growing partnerships and opportunities.

We run beginner sessions, after-school clubs, and racing training, with regeneration projects opening doors for future expansion.

Osterley Park (TW7 4RB)

Based within a National Trust property.

Recreational sit-on-top kayaking at weekends and holidays, plus PE sessions for schools supporting young people with special needs. A rewarding and community-focused role.

Harefield (WD3 9YB)

Home of our Slalom and Wild Water Racing programmes.

Permanent white-water course, plus access to canal and lake facilities. Work alongside an experienced lead coach in an environment ideal for developing both paddlers and coaches.

Why Join The Sharks?

- Because we are **more than a paddlesports club**.
- We are a community.
- We are ambitious.
- We invest in people.
- And we believe sport can change lives.
- The Sharks know no limits – do you?



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