

Boat Handler – University of St Andrews Beach Sprints Programme

The University of St Andrews Boat Club is seeking a reliable and enthusiastic **Boat Handler** to support our growing **Beach Sprints (coastal rowing)** programme based at East Sands.

This is a hands-on role at the heart of a fast-paced and exciting discipline of rowing, involving launching and recovering boats in a dynamic beach environment, assisting with training sessions, and supporting regatta preparation.

No prior experience required, all training provided.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assisting with the safe launching and recovery of coastal rowing boats from the beach
- Handling boats in varying sea and weather conditions
- Supporting coaches and athletes during training sessions
- Helping with boat set up and equipment checks before events.

Requirements:

- Good level of physical fitness and confidence working outdoors
- Ability to work in a team and follow instructions under pressure
- Availability for regular training sessions (including early mornings/evenings and some weekends)
- Experience with rowing or water sports is beneficial but not essential

Desirable:

- Previous experience in beach sprints or coastal rowing
- Powerboat handling experience or relevant qualifications
- Knowledge of basic boat maintenance
- Many events require at least one boat handler to be female so looking for candidates of both genders.

What You'll Gain:

- Involvement in an exciting and rapidly growing sport.
- Experience working within a university performance environment and with future Olympic potential athletes.
- Opportunity to attend competitions and events. Some of which may be international.

If you're practical, dependable, and enjoy working by the water in a team environment, we'd love to hear from you.

To apply: Please contact with a brief outline of your experience and availability.

Contact: Lewis McCue (Director of Rowing) lm425@st-andrews.ac.uk