



Licensed Launch Driver (Limited Master)

Darien Boat Club | Seasonal (May–November)

Position Overview

Darien Boat Club is seeking experienced, safety-focused Licensed Launch Drivers to support member boating activities during the season. Launch Drivers ensure safe, timely, and courteous transportation of members to and from their vessels while supporting overall dock and launch operations.

This is a highly visible role requiring professionalism, strong seamanship, and regular member interaction.

Key Responsibilities

- Safely operate club launch vessels in accordance with USCG regulations and club procedures.
- Transport members and guests between docks, moorings, and vessels efficiently and courteously.
- Maintain situational awareness of weather, tides, traffic, and harbor conditions.
- Assist with docking, mooring, and passenger boarding as needed.
- Perform pre- and post-operation safety checks of launch vessels.
- Communicate clearly with dock staff and club leadership during operations.
- Uphold Darien Boat Club standards for safety, service, and professionalism.

Required Qualifications

- Valid USCG Restricted or Limited Master Launch License, or any USCG Master credential exceeding these license levels.
- Experience operating small vessels in coastal or harbor environments.
- Strong knowledge of navigation rules, maritime safety practices, and local waterways.
- Ability to remain calm and decisive in busy or changing conditions.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Availability to work weekends, holidays, and peak boating hours.
- Must meet all applicable safety, background, and eligibility requirements.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience at a yacht club, boat club, marina, or similar environment.
- Familiarity with Darien Harbor or surrounding waters.
- Customer-service mindset and comfort interacting with members and guests.



Schedule & Season

- Season: May through November.
- Hours: Variable; peak demand during weekends, holidays, and summer months.
- Schedule flexibility required, especially during high-activity periods.

Compensation

Competitive hourly rate, commensurate with experience and licensing. Details discussed during the interview process.

About Darien Boat Club

The Darien Boat Club is located at 135 Pear Tree Point Road in Darien, Connecticut. The Boat Club offers a well-protected anchorage for members' boats in a picturesque residential setting. The Long Island Sound is easily accessed via the short harbor situated between Stamford and Norwalk. The club is ideally located for day trips to the Norwalk Islands, Five Mile River, Norwalk Harbor, Stamford Harbor, and the north shore of Long Island.

Founded in 1948, the club has grown from a small group of charter members to over 700 members and their families. The club maintains slips for approximately 250 boats ranging from dinghies to 28' power and sailboats.

Facilities include launch service, racks for inflatables and small craft, space for beached dinghies, a gas dock, fresh water on all docks, gear lockers, and bagged ice for sale. The club hosts seasonal events including Opening, Mid-Season, and Closing parties, as well as an annual Lobster/Clam Bake in September.

Why Join the Darien Boat Club team?

- Work in a beautiful waterfront setting.
- Be part of a close-knit, respectful boating community.
- Play a key role in safe and enjoyable on-the-water experiences for members.
- Seasonal role ideal for licensed mariners seeking meaningful, flexible work.