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Good Day,

This year three outstanding young sailors, Jules Mitchell, Rhone Kirby and Vincent Anfi are planning to attend a few upcoming regattas, where they hope to compete using their discipline, sportsmanship and skills that they have learned under the expert instruction of Karl James at the Antigua Yacht Club.

The first of these regattas is The Orange Bowl which will be held in Biscayne Bay in Florida from December 26th to December 30th 2013 and will be the first regatta of this magnitude that any of these boys have competed in so far. Then they hope to take part in the Club Nautico de San Juan Regata Internacional de Vela, 13ra edición in Puerto Rico, and the BVI Dinghy Championships in May 2014.



Rhone Kirby is 15 years old, attends A.E. Goodwin Faith & Hope High School. He has been sailing since he was 9 years old and is a very enthusiastic sailor. He made a name for himself as an Optimist sailor and now sails Laser Radial. He has participated in many regattas, locally, including the Caribbean Dinghy Championships, Classic Yacht Regatta, Jolly Harbour Valentines Regatta and Antigua Sailing Week for the past few years, and

regionally, in Tortola, St. Thomas, and Anguilla. He took part in the Premiers Cup in Tortola where Antigua took 1st place. He attended the Optimist World Sailing Championship in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic in July 2012. Rhone was the winner of the first Jamarly Meade Memorial Trophy in 2010.

Rhone has a passion for sailing which he attributes to his mentors, present trainer, Karl James, and the late Jamarly Meade. He wants to eventually make it his career.

Jules Mitchell has been sailing since he was 10 years old and attends St. Josephs Academy School, where all his teachers know he would rather be on the water than in the classroom. He



is a keen sailor and got his start on the North Beach in Jolly Harbour where there was a Youth Sailing Programme for Antiguan children from age 8 to 18 to learn dinghy sailing. He learned well and became an avid racer and started training under the instruction of Karl James at the Antigua Yacht Club. He started sailing on keel boats in the Saturday races with the boats in the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club and sailed on Blue Peter two consecutive years in the Antigua Sailing Week Regatta and in 2013 with Biwi Magic which won in her class this year, and two consecutive years in the Classic Yacht Regatta on "Zemi". He has also taken part in the last Jolly Harbour Valentines Regatta on Digicel Challenger, and with all of these crews is no stranger to the podium. He competed in the Premiers Cup in Tortola where Antigua took 1st place and also in the BVI Dinghy Championships. Ultimately, Jules would like to compete in the Olympics and has his eye on a career on the water when he grows up.



Vincent Anfi is 13 years old and attends Island Academy. He has been sailing Optimist dinghies since he started sailing at the age of 8. He has just advanced to sailing Laser earlier this year. He attended his first international regatta in the Lake Garda optimist meet and placed 793rd out of 1400. He is passionate about sailing and a smart sailor according to his coach and mentor Karl James. He has successfully competed in many other regattas, B.V.I Dinghy Championships,

Heineken Premier Light Regatta in St. Maarten, and the Jolly Harbour Valentines Regatta Laser Pico to name a few. Although Vincent has not been in many regattas he's gained a lot of experience and is ready to give it his all.

The boys are putting in a lot of dedication and hard work, conditioning, learning tactics and, generally preparing for the events. Competing in regattas can be expensive and in order for them to compete in these events, they will need money for purchasing sails, rental of boats and

coach boats in the regattas, Coaches, registration, accommodation, flights, and special clothing to wear in Florida, as the water will be quite a bit cooler there in December than it is in Antigua.

In the hope of raising enough money for these regattas, especially as the first one is so soon, we are having a sponsorship drive. I am asking you to sponsor Jules Mitchell and/or Rhone Kirby and/or Vincent Anfi. Any help you can give, no matter how little, will be greatly appreciated. All



money you donate will go directly to their costs. I have attached a breakdown of the costs for the first regatta. I am not sure of the costs for future regattas until a Notice of Race is posted, but this is the most expensive and they will not need to buy sails again. The boys work really hard and deserve the opportunity to represent their country and try and get as far as they can as they need to take part in regional and international competition if they want to compete in the ultimate regatta, the Olympics.

If you would like to help, please make cheques payable to National Sailing Academy and put the name of the boy you are sponsoring in the memo portion of the cheque. A breakdown of the expenses for each boy in the **Orange Bowl Regatta** is as follows:-

Registration	US\$ 265.00
Coach boat	US\$ 416.65
Coach meals	US\$ 100.00
Coach travel and Acc	US\$ 350.50
Laser rental	US\$ 625.00
Air Fare	US\$840.00
Accommodation	US\$ 350.00
Meals	US\$ 150.00
Taxis and other expenses	US\$ 150.00
Radial sail with batons	US\$ 600.00
Thermal rash shirt and spray top.	US\$ 200.00
TOTAL	US\$4047.15 per boy to compete in this regatta.
	EC\$10,927.31 X3 = EC\$32,781.92 Overall



Whatever you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Jules, Rhone and Vincent thank you in advance for your generosity. I will be contacting you shortly to talk about this and to answer any questions you might have.

Yours sincerely,
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