

August 7, 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of AYC Junior Sailing Programs:

The AYC 2018 Fall Program Sailing Sessions begin on September 7 and continue to October 24, 2018.

A new training schedule, with the dates, times and fees for each category, is attached for both Optimist and Laser sailors. Please see Nesie or Kenny Sha in the AYC office, to complete registration. This fall semester is 7 weeks long and payment must be made in full by the first day of the session. Returning sailors will be evaluated and may be promoted based on their work in the previous session they last attended. New participants must agree to and sign the AYC "Sailor and Parent Code of Conduct" forms before the first lesson. If you are unsure about which category to register your sailor, please come and discuss with me.

I want to remind you that all junior members must be part of a program in order to sail out of AYC. Having your own boat does not entitle you to sail out of the facility. This a safety requirement and is in place to ensure that all young sailors are supervised properly.

Congratulations to the AYC sailors who represented Antigua at international competition this summer in July. Jalese Gordon, Daniel Smit, Rocco Falcone and Louis Bavay travelled to Texas, USA to the WS Youth World Championship. Later in July, Jules Mitchell and Rhone Kirby travelled to Colombia to compete at the Central American & Caribbean Games. All sailed well and benefited tremendously from the continued experience of intense competition.

Upcoming Events:

Caribbean Dinghy Championship:

Please mark on your calendar the **AYC Mini Regatta scheduled for Sunday, September 30**. This will be a second qualifier (of 2) for the upcoming **Caribbean Dinghy Championship** to be hosted by Antigua Yacht Club on October 27 and 28. Five spots will be available for the following categories: Laser Standard Open (Male only) Age 15 +, Laser Radial Youth age 15 – 18, Optimist Youth age 13 – 15, Optimist Junior age 10 – 12 and RS Feva Open 10 +. For more information about the event, ask me and the Notice of Race is available here: <https://caribbean-sailing.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/CSA-2018-CDC-Notice-of-Race-NOR-FINAL-31.05.2018.pdf>

Orange Bowl Int'l Youth Regatta:

Registration for this annual regatta held in Miami, Florida will open at 09:00 am on September 10. Spots fill up quickly, usually within a few hours, so if you want to go SAVE THIS DATE.

Information about additional upcoming events this fall may be found on the AYC website.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly either by email at ayc@yachtclub.ag or telephone 268-728-5045. I am also in the office daily if you wish to see me in person.

Regards,

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