

January 1, 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of AYC Junior Sailing Programs:

The AYC 2018 Winter Program Sailing Sessions begin January 3 and continues until February 14.

A new training schedule, with the dates, times and fees for each category, is attached for both Optimist, Laser, and Zoom 8 sailors. Please visit the AYC Office, to complete registration. Payment must be made in full by the first day of your session. Returning sailors will be evaluated and may be promoted based on their work in the Early Winter Session. Therefore if you are unsure which category to register your sailor, please come and see me.

Important Note: In order to bring our program in line with the international standard, **the former White Fleet is now designated as the GREEN (beginner) fleet, and the former Green fleet is now designated as the WHITE (intermediate) fleet.** This means that if your sailor is a beginner, or they were in White fleet last session, they will now enroll in the Green fleet starting with this session. If your sailor was formerly enrolled in Green fleet and is an intermediate sailor, he/she will now enroll in the White fleet. Please ask if you are unsure.

NEW: The AYC has published a Sailor Code of Conduct (attached) that is mandatory for all Sailors to review, acknowledge with a signature, and return to the AYC Office. This must be done before the beginning of this session.

The two 29ers are a “high performance” double-handed option for youth sailors, especially those graduating from Optimist. It is possible to put together a formal training schedule if you let me know of your interest. Please note that only sailors who have already been part of our programs are eligible as the 29er requires minimally intermediate sailing skills. If you wish to know more, please speak to me.

The next qualifier in the AYC Mini Regatta Series will be held on January 14.

The following is a list of upcoming recommended events that we will try to attend:

Jan 14	AYC	MINI REGATTA	MULICLASS
FEB 9 – 13	MARTINIQUE	SCHOELCHER INT’L	MULTICLASS
MARCH 25 – 26	AYC	ANTIGUA OPEN NATIONALS	LASER, OPTI
MAY 18 – 20	BVI	DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIP	MULTICLASS
JUNE 15 – 17	US VIRGIN IS.	ST. THOMAS INTERNATIONAL	OPTI
TBD	TBD	CARIBBEAN DINGHY CHAMP	LASER
JULY 14 – 21	TEXAS, USA	WS YOUTH WORLD CHAMP	LASER RADIAL, 29ER
JULY 20 – AUG 3	COLUMBIA	CENTRAL AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN GAMES	LASER – STANDARD AND RADIAL

*Additional information regarding specific class events 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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